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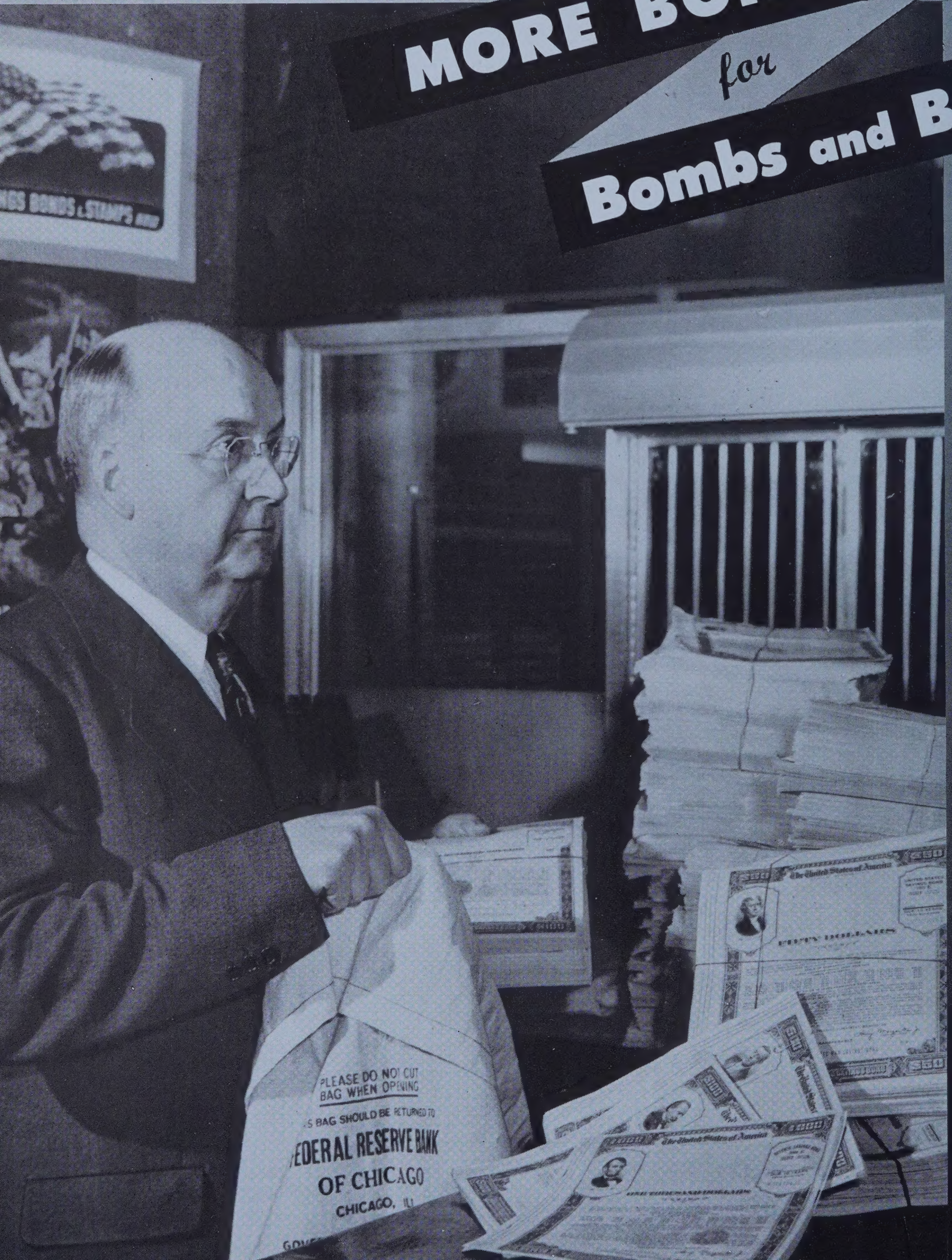
HERE'S a $50,000 share in the future—stacks of War Bonds which will be purchased by Americans who realize that each bond-invested dollar means that some soldier or sailor has a better chance of winning the Victory we all pray for. Every month an average of $50,000 worth of Bonds are sold across the counter in the Treasury-Receiving department on the main floor of the Gas Building. The picture below was taken as F. W. Farquhar unpacked the last of the Company's December supply.

MORE BONDS *for* Bombs and Bullets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THE COVER:

Featured on this month's cover is "the man behind the gun," his determined expression boding no good for the Axis, his gun aimed towards Victory. This crack aerial machine gunner fights with an unbeatable combination: a fast accurate weapon and the world's best in the way of plane and pilot. Official OWI Photo by Palmer.

Calendar of Events

Annual Inaugural Party
Orchestra Hall
January 18—8 p.m.

Gas Post Radio Salvage Drive
(Benefit U.S. Signal Corps)
January 15–February 15

On Page 5 of this issue appears a spread of letters from Gas Men (and one woman), now in the Armed Services, who wrote in acknowledgment of the registered letter mailed to them before Christmas by George A. Ranney, Chairman of the Company. Space limitations prevent us from reproducing all of these letters. More are coming in from distant areas every day.

These letters, in addition to serving as a conveyance of thanks for the Christmas greetings, also carry a very significant feeling of determination, and a spirit which indicates an intense desire to hasten Victory and to get back to work again. It is a spirit needed not only by fighting men, but a feeling which soldiers and civilians alike must share if we are to defeat our enemies and get back to normal living again.

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Beginning with this issue, copies are being mailed to Gas Company men in the Armed Services in special envelopes. Many of our men are now on the fighting fronts in various distant parts of the world, and the envelopes are used to protect the copies from the wear and tear which inevitably results from much handling. Furthermore, so as to insure its delivery to our boys in the quickest possible time, all copies are being mailed first class, instead of third.

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THE FEBRUARY ISSUE of the NEWS will be devoted to a functional report of employe and Company activities during 1942, including a pictorial outline revealing the contributions of the Company as well as the individual employes toward the war effort. We hope you'll like it.

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What's in a name? that which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." So wrote Shakespeare in Romeo and Juliet a few hundred years ago. However, time has a way of changing things, especially in this high tempo age. Names change along with conditions, and modern-minded people do their best to keep well-informed on matters so that their speech and thinking will not become "dated."

A great number of employes still call this publication "the Club News" even though the name was changed over five years ago from what was formerly the Peoples Gas Club News. The difference between the two publications (aside from a greatly changed physical appearance) is that the "Club News" was basically an organ of the Peoples Gas Club, and the NEWS appeared on the Gas Club balance sheet as an item of expense. The Peoples Gas Club influenced its editorial policy as well as a great part of its contents.

In January, 1938, a new magazine appeared under Company sponsorship, dedicated to the interests of the employes, the Company, the Peoples Gas Club, the Gas Post, and other groups and activities within the organization. It was given greater scope, a wider influence, and an opportunity to be of greater service. Now that we have advanced five years under the new name, let's call it GAS NEWS.

CHRISTMAS SHOW A RIOT OF FUN

Children and Grownups Enjoy Gas Club's 1942 Christmas Event on December 19

These front row spectators gave evidence of their enjoyment by vigorously applauding the various acts.

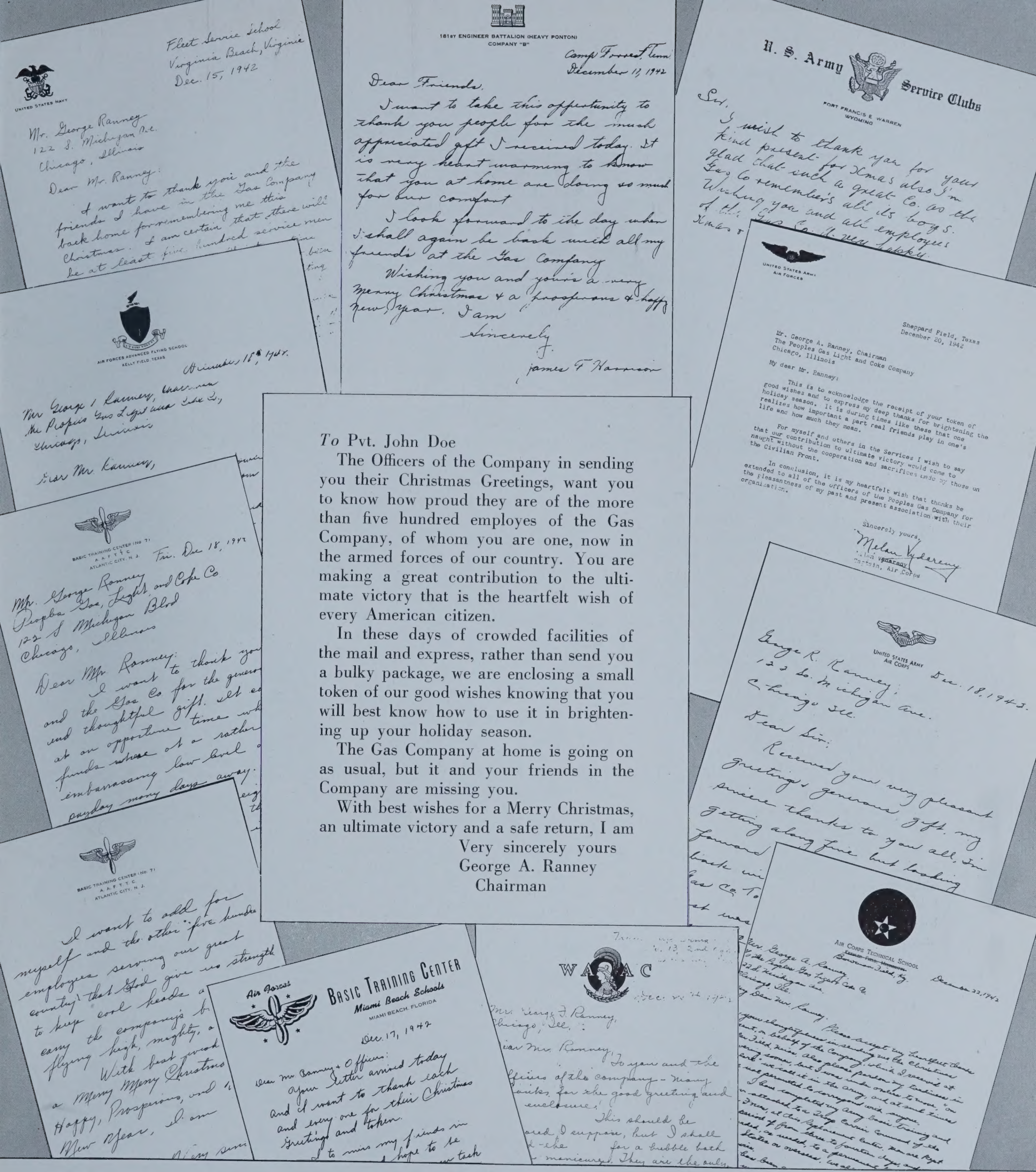
Santa Claus got a double dose of femininity as the twins told him what they wanted for Christmas.

Intriguing to small boys—the funny faced clown and his clever little dog.

A look at this tousle-headed youngster, whose face expresses such delight, and it's easy to see that the Christmas Show was a success.

These twin dynamos wore expressions of rapt concentration as the Christmas Show reeled off its many thrills.

There was Kandy for every Kiddy, with committee members distributing approximately 3000 lbs. among the crowds.



To Pvt. John Doe

The Officers of the Company in sending you their Christmas Greetings, want you to know how proud they are of the more than five hundred employes of the Gas Company, of whom you are one, now in the armed forces of our country. You are making a great contribution to the ultimate victory that is the heartfelt wish of every American citizen.

In these days of crowded facilities of the mail and express, rather than send you a bulky package, we are enclosing a small token of our good wishes knowing that you will best know how to use it in brightening up your holiday season.

The Gas Company at home is going on as usual, but it and your friends in the Company are missing you.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas, an ultimate victory and a safe return, I am

Very sincerely yours
George A. Ranney
Chairman

UNITED STATES NAVY

Fleet Service School
Virginia Beach, Virginia
Dec. 15, 1942

Mr. George Ranney
122 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ranney:

I want to thank you and the friends I have in the Gas Company back home for remembering me this Christmas. I am certain that there will be at least five hundred service men

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181st ENGINEER BATTALION (HEAVY PONTON)
COMPANY "B"

Camp Forrest Tenn
December 17, 1942

Dear Friends:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you people for the much appreciated gift I received today. It is very heart warming to know that you at home are doing so much for our comfort.

I look forward to the day when I shall again be back with all my friends at the Gas Company.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas & a prosperous & happy New Year. I am

Sincerely
James F Harrison

U. S. Army Service Clubs
FORT FRANCIS E. WARREN
WYOMING

Sir,

I wish to thank you for your kind present for Xmas also I'm glad that such a great Co. as the Gas Co remember's all its boys. Wishing you and all employees of the Gas Co. ... very happy Xmas &

AIR FORCES ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL
KELLY FIELD TEXAS

December 15th, 1942.

Mr George A Ranney, Chairman
The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr Ranney,

UNITED STATES ARMY
AIR FORCES

Sheppard Field, Texas
December 20, 1942

Mr. George A. Ranney, Chairman
The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Ranney:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your token of good wishes and to express my deep thanks for brightening the holiday season. It is during times like these that one realizes how important a part real friends play in one's life and how much they mean.

For myself and others in the Services I wish to say that our contribution to ultimate victory would come to naught without the cooperation and sacrifices made by those on the Civilian Front.

In conclusion, it is my heartfelt wish that thanks be extended to all of the officers of the Peoples Gas Company for the pleasantness of my past and present association with their organization.

Sincerely yours,
Melan Vydareny
Milan Vydareny
Captain, Air Corps

BASIC TRAINING CENTER (No. 7)
A. A. F. T. T. C.
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Fri. Dec 18, 1942

Mr. George Ranney
Peoples Gas, Light, and Coke Co
122 S Michigan Blvd
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr Ranney:

I want to thank you and the Gas Co for the generous and thoughtful gift. It came at an opportune time when funds where at a rather embarrassing low level and payday many days away.

UNITED STATES ARMY
AIR CORPS

George R. Ranney; Dec. 18, 1942.
122 So. Michigan Ave.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sir:

Received your very pleasant Greetings & generous gift. my sincere thanks to you all, I'm getting along fine but looking forward ... back wi... Gas Co. To... at was

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BASIC TRAINING CENTER (No. 7)
A. A. F. T. T. C.
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

I want to add for myself and the other five hundred employees serving our great country! that God give us strength to keep cool heads a... carry the company's b... flying high, mighty, a...

With best wish... a Merry Merry Christmas Happy, Prosperous, and ... New Year, I am

Very sinc...

Air Forces
BASIC TRAINING CENTER
Miami Beach Schools
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Dec. 17, 1942

Dear Mr Ranney & Officers:

Your letter arrived today and I want to thank each and every one for their Christmas Greetings and token.

I ... to miss my friends in ... hope to be ... task

WAAC

Dec. ... 1942

Mr. George F. Ranney,
Chicago, Ill.:

Dear Mr. Ranney,

To you and the officers of the company — many thanks for the good greeting and enclosure!

This should be ...ored I suppose, but I shall ... for a bubble bath ... manicures. They are the only

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AIR CORPS TECHNICAL SCHOOL
~~KEESLER FIELD, MISSISSIPPI~~
Bowman Field, Ky.

December 22, 1942

Mr. George A. Ranney
c/o The Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.
122 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Ranney.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks ... your thoughtfulness in sending me the Christmas ...ent, on behalf of the Company, which I received at ... Field, Miss. Also please pardon my tardiness in ...wering sooner, but I was under orders to move, "on ...ment" we call it in the Army, and at such times ... not permitted to correspond with anyone.

I have completed my Army Basic Training and ... attached to a Troop Carrier Command of the ... Now, at this Replacement Center, we are kept ... period of from three to fourteen days, and ...nded, as needed, to a permanent ... States or overseas. We al...

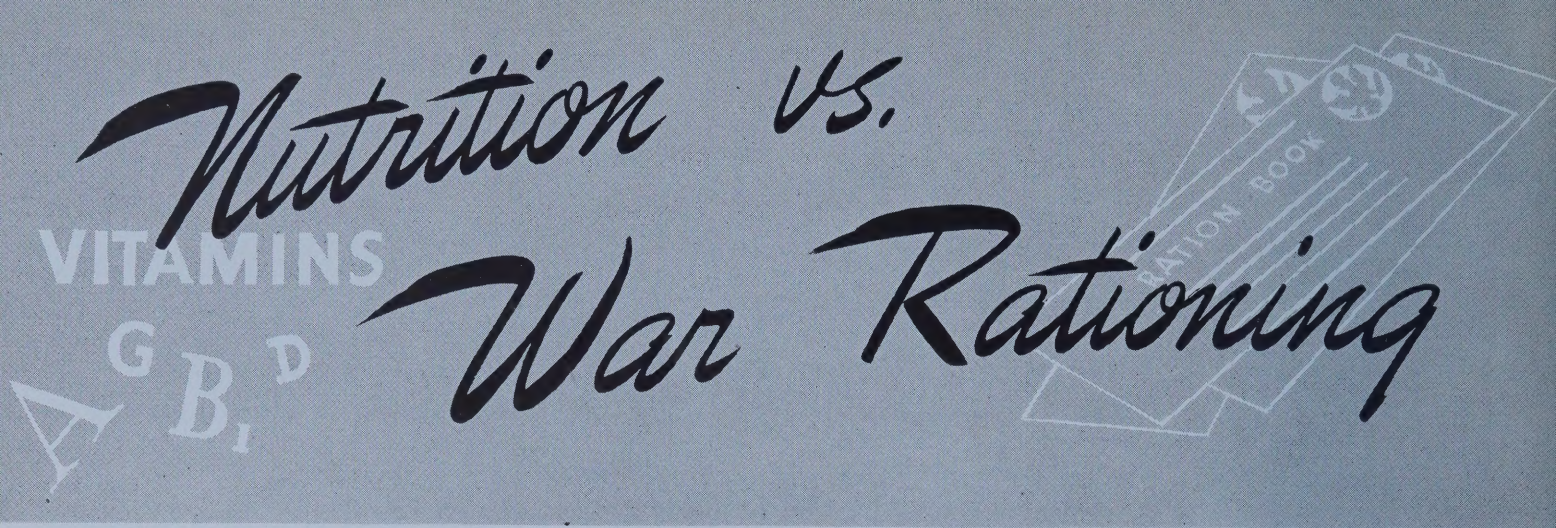
As a part of the Christmas remembrance to employes in the armed services, the above (center) letter from G. A. Ranney, Chairman of the Company, was sent to everyone for whom a current address was available. The mails were swamped with acknowledgments from every point of the compass—and they're still coming!

"Great" . . . "Came in handy" . . . "Thanks a million" . . . "Appreciated the remembrance" . . . the boys said. And we, too, on the receiving end appreciated the fine gesture.

In "acknowledging these acknowledgments," Mr. Ranney says for all the Gas Family, "Thanks—good luck, and Godspeed."

Note: The enclosure was $5.00

Nutrition vs. War Rationing



BY MARILYN MILLER—HOME SERVICE DEPARTMENT

During these hectic days of World War II, with rationing well under way, and the word NUTRITION looming constantly before housewives as a word of new significance, there is likely to be some confusion in the minds of many as to how the two—Rationing and Nutrition—will work hand in hand. "How can I produce the most nutritious meals for my family in the face of war rationing?" many women will ask themselves.

The answer to the foregoing question will depend largely upon how scarce certain foods become in the future. Even this country's progress in the war from now on may have great bearing on the matter. However, one thing appears quite certain: the housewives who produce the best meals with the available commodities on the market will be those who avoid wasting food (during preparation and after), who shop carefully and according to plan, and who spend a reasonable amount of time studying the nutritional values of the foods that they buy. Certainly, the more they know about foods and proper preparation, the easier their task will be.

Food WILL WIN THE WAR AND WRITE THE PEACE
PEACE

In the same old New Year spirit, with something new added here and there, the Home Service department of the Company again pledges its services to the employes of the Company, their wives and friends. This year's special endeavor is to keep employes informed about current events in the field of food so they can maintain the same standards of good nutrition even though some food products are on the priorities list and others are unobtainable due to one reason or another in regard to our all-out effort. It won't be easy, but the function of the Home Service department on a wartime basis is to make the rough spots a little smoother for housewives.

Rationing, a seemingly awesome word to the general public, means no more than that no one shall get more than his fair share. This all-important fact must be driven home to the majority of citizens, for a misconception of this sort is not only harmful to morale, but might entirely defeat the purpose of the present rationing program and the ever-increasing rationing that is to come. Food causes more comment than any other material because it vitally affects every single one of us—the war worker, the housewife, the growing child, the volunteer aid, the man in service, our allies.

Claude L. Wickard's coined slogan, "Food will win the war and write the peace," was indeed a profound one. We can readily understand that such an effective weapon as food must be protected, distributed, and utilized with the greatest efficiency where it will do the most good.

Nutrition must be emphasized and re-emphasized, for in order to be victorious we must have clear, alert minds and strong, healthy bodies.

Through the Gas News, Home Service will endeavor to keep employes informed so that they can inform others. Dietitians and experimental experts are working constantly in an effort to place before the public information which will make meal planning interesting and nutritious in spite of increasing food shortages.

What'll it be?
ROAST BEEF
HASH
CROQUETTES

When we overhear someone complaining about these shortages, we can do our part in the war effort by clarifying the situation for him or for her. We can point out that appetizing alternates can be found for those old standbys, that this is a new era for the housewife and dietitian—a challenge to test her ingenuity and resourcefulness.

From now on the planning of meals, out of necessity, will become more and more flexible. Suppose we can't get lettuce—there is still cabbage; celery tops fill in nicely, too. Parsley and watercress are also attractive as garnishes, and nutritious as well.

Many of the more desirable cuts of

meat are no longer available, but we'll still get our body-building proteins and other valuable nutrients as well. One thing that many do not realize is that use of the "variety" meats, such as kidneys, liver, hearts, brains and so forth is in addition to the 35 oz. allotment per person per week of the muscle meats (pork, beef, lamb, and veal). Beans and lentils, though not containing as complete proteins as meat, are satisfactory alternatives and may be used in soups, casserole dishes and many other interesting and appetizing ways. Fish and cheese are also very good, and both have unlimited possibilities as meat substitutes.

One dish meals are a great wartime contribution, for they can be well-balanced and appetizing and at the same time conserve fuel, time, and energy. Of course, there is no alternate for coffee, but even men in the United States Army receive only forty cups of coffee per man per month. But perhaps you aren't getting all you can out of coffee rationing. Do you buy for freshness? Do you keep it in a tightly covered container? Is it stored in a cool place? It deteriorates less rapidly if you do. And did you know that the finer the grind the further it goes? Besides all these, use accurate measurements, do not let the coffee boil, serve as soon as it's made, and make no more than you can use. Drink what you have, treasure every drop, and be thankful that it is no worse than it is.

Keep in mind that this new era need not be depressing—read and think, and you'll be amazed at what you can concoct. They say we Americans are pampered and soft. It is up to us to prove we're not!

STRETCHING
THE
MEAT

Pointers on Gas Conservation

(Supplied By The Office of War Information)

(Below) DON'T let gas burn while you study the recipe.

DON'T turn flame up unnecessarily high, and (below) don't use the oven to heat the room.

(At Right) USE as little water as possible when cooking; it shortens time, saves gas, and conserves vitamins.

(Left) Don't waste gas by using oven to cook one dish at a time. Utilize oven space as much as possible.

The 860,000 gas customers on the Company's supply lines are receiving a product, which, although invisible and constantly on tap in every home, is regarded by the government as vitally important as a WAR NECESSITY. Gas is an essential fuel in countless operations in which the production of war materials is involved, and should not, under any circumstances be wasted.

To help gas customers throughout the nation realize the importance of gas conservation, and to point out some of the ways that gas can be wasted, the Office of War information supplied GAS NEWS with five pictures illustrating the subject. The pictures are presented here for the benefit of employes who contact the public, as well as for just plain householders, who may inadvertently or through the force of habit be wasting this important war fuel. Everyone can help conserve gas, and thus help our war industries.

V Letters

FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Sgt. Killifer writes from North Carolina

Sgt. Ralph G. Killifer
Station Hosp. Ward 3
Camp Sutton, N. C.

Just a line to let you know I'm feeling better but will probably spend the New Year holidays here in the hospital. I had my leg smashed up in maneuvers on September 29.

The picture I'm enclosing was taken the week before I was hurt. I was "Sergeant of the Guard."

Lt. Warren J. Neiman
Hdq. 3rd Eng. Training Group
Eng. Replacement Training Center
Fort Belvoir, Va.

Still stationed in the same old spot. However, did get that silver bar a couple of months ago, plus the new job as Group Adjutant, and additional duties of Commanding Officer of the Headquarters Detachment, and also S-2. So, you can see, there isn't much time for personal business.

We really do a big job here. Since there are only two engineer training centers in the U. S., we do half of the recruit engineer training for the entire Army. Of course, this means quick, intensive, and thorough training in the minimum amount of time. Don't let anyone kid you about the efficiency of today's Army. It really gets things done.

Ed Fortmann
Camp McQuaide, Calif.

Ever since the fifteenth of June, when we first received word that our battalion was leaving Fort Eustis, it has been a hurry and a scurry. First it was an inventory of all the equipment and property, cleaning up of all the accounts on the post, moving to tent city, and finally preparations for the long train ride from the east to the west coast.

The change has pleased everyone. The camp, country, and climate are ideal. We are located in the Pajaro Valley on the shores of Monterey Bay. The days are warm and the nights cool and so far no signs of the famous California mist.

I have passed the Warrant Officer's exams and received my appointment November 1. I was made assistant Camp Director of Supply.

Above is shown James J. Sheehy, formerly of the Accounting department, who since his induction in October of last year, has been made a Corporal. He received his basic training with the Technical School of the Air Corps, and is now attending Finance School at Lake Forrest, North Carolina.

Jesse D. Kelsey
Amphibious Force,
Norfolk, Va.

Please express my deepest appreciation to the officers of the Company for their Christmas Greetings, and extend to each a wish for a very merry Christmas.

It is a great feeling for us in the Armed Forces and away from home to know the people we used to work with are thinking of us at this time of the year.

Lt. Willard J. Ball
376th Hdq. and Air Base Squadron
Salina, Kansas

At present I am the Base Chemical Officer and the Base Chemical Property Officer. The first title means I'm in charge of Chemical Warfare training for the air base; the second that I'm in charge of all Chemical Warfare supplies.

Up to a few days ago the weather was ideal—now it's a little rough. We have a constant breeze at the field, about 35 to 40 m.p.h.—the kind you can lean on.

Aux. Irma Stein
4th Co. 3rd Rgt.
W.A.A.C.
Fort Des Moines, Ia.

Mail call is a big event here. Even receipt of a bill is mail and an outside contact. When my income tax notice came I felt like a civilian for a moment or two. And when I received my pay check I already owed six cents. Some of the girls haven't a penny so now I'm popular.

Yesterday I was awakened at 5:00 a. m. to report for K.P. duty. Had breakfast at the mess hall, then set table and waited on table; cleared the tables, swept and mopped the floor; replenished the four coal stoves; shoveled snow for two hours; scrubbed out garbage cans; mess again; cleaned boiler room; cleaned office; shoveled snow for another hour; mess again; and then a glamorous job of washing pots and pans the size of wash tubs.

We work like everything—and actually love it. This cannot be compared naturally to what the men overseas must have to do. I hope they are treated as well as we.

My best regards to you soldiers at home.

Pvt. William J. MacDonald
Co. F, 1st Platoon, S.M.D.T. 2
Fitzsimons General Hospital
Denver, Colo.

Have been really going since I left the sunny south. This country is more to my liking anyway. We're really treated swell by the people here. They must have taken a U.S.O. post-graduate course from the Service workers' university in Chicago, as Denver is considered the Paradise of the west by all the boys.

Best regards to all.

Pvt. Peter McGuigan
5th Q.M.T.R.
Fort Warren, Wyo.

A line from Fort Warren to let you know I am getting along swell with the quartermaster regiment. Just finished my basic training along with Gerald O'Brien, of North Shop. Best wishes to all for a Happy New Year.

Sgt. Harry Young, shown holding the Australian bear, used the above photograph for his Christmas card. Greetings were written in longhand across the top of the card.

J. A. CUNNINGHAM, W. R. C. GALLOWAY NOW SERVING OUR COUNTRY

ON THE LAST DAY of 1942, James A. Cunningham, Vice President in charge of finance, left the United States on a special mission to Central and South America to investigate certain matters relating to the country's rubber situation for his new boss, Jesse Jones, Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. Cunningham obtained a leave of absence from the Company, and reported for duty in Washington on December 1. He returned to Chicago for a few days before leaving the country on his new assignment.

NAVY COST INSPECTOR is the new title carried by W. R. C. Galloway, the Company's Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, who left the Company on November 11 to become a Lieutenant Senior Grade in the U. S. Navy.

Mr. Galloway is stationed at Jacksonville, Florida, supervising Navy contracts with the Merrill Stevens Drydock and Repair Company. Mrs. Galloway recently left Chicago to join him at his new location.

W. R. C. Galloway

Paul C. Cooke Is a Prisoner of the Japs

CAPT. PAUL C. COOKE, formerly of the Methods and Routines Department, is a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines, according to a War Department dispatch to Mrs. Cooke, on December 15.

Captain Cooke was a member of the Reserve Corps, and a Methods Engineer for the Company when he was called into active service two years ago. Paul and Mrs. (Dorothy) Cooke were married in 1933 when both were employed in the Company's Statistical Department.

Capt. Paul C. Cooke

Margaret Gebbie Hears of Her Husband's War Bravery

NEWS of her husband's exploits on the Tunisian front came to Margaret Gebbie, Customer Accounting, December 15 via a Chicago Daily News' reporter.

Brought to local newspapers in a dispatch by William B. King, correspondent in Africa for The Associated Press, the story said that Harry Gebbie was one of three lieutenants who flipped a coin to see who would get the dangerous job of commanding a wrecker unit to be sent near the enemy lines to recover a wrecked tank.

Lt. Gebbie has been in the Service twenty-one months. He married the former Margaret Quinlan in 1942.

Company Now Employs Married Women

UPON AUTHORITY of the Executive Council and effective as of December 17, the Company's policy with respect to the employment of married women has been amended to permit their employment. The Company's policy affecting the employment of relatives remains unchanged; viz., not to accept as new employes the relatives of present employes.

WAACS and WAVES Get Benefits

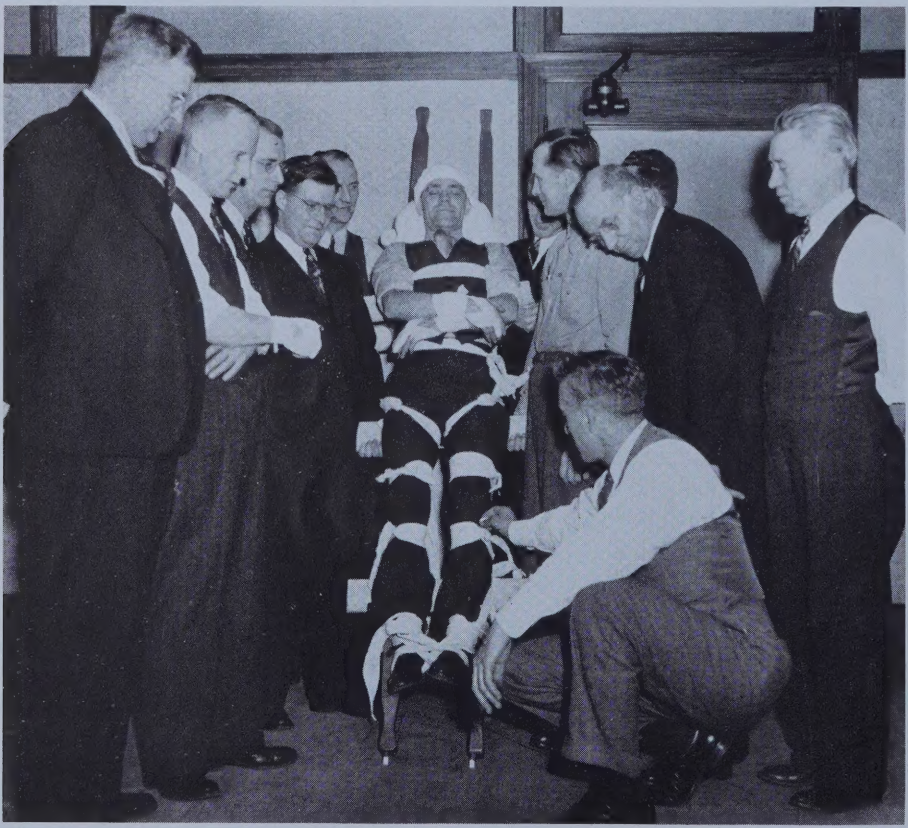
IN AN EXECUTIVE ORDER issued on December 17, the Company's policy regarding military leave of absence was extended to include employes joining the U. S. Merchant Marine, the WAACS, and the WAVES.

When Seconds Count

THESE FIRST AIDERS WILL KNOW HOW TO HELP SAVE LIVES

Herbert Fredrick, first aid instructor, checks Marie Ahlstrom's ability in giving artificial respiration. The victim is Marian Barnes.

Instructor Art Slinn, South District, explains a fractured spine splint. Standing (l. to r.) are: Ed Bell, Credit and Collection; Larry Minnich, Customers; Fred Gebauer, Credit and Collection; William Burke, Books; Ernest Rainford and James Kirkwood, Credit and Coll.; Arthur Skelton, General Acct.; John Christian, Credit and Coll.; Ed Carey and Frank McDonald, Customers.



TOO OFTEN, people have lain broken and bleeding where they fell after an accident, and have died for want of prompt first aid. Many have succumbed to snakebite for the reason that they did not understand how to remove the poison before it entered the blood stream. Others by the thousands have expired for lack of proper attention after being pulled from lake or stream with lungs full of water. Those priceless seconds during which a first aider could have applied his knowledge were wasted, and lives were lost as spectators looked on helplessly.

Since the bombing of London, and the spread of air-borne destruction in the present war, the leaders of America's Civilian Defense organizations have repeatedly emphasized the importance of first aid in alleviating suffering and saving lives during air raids. Training centers have sprung up in villages, towns, and great cities. Every day, stout-hearted Americans are studying and practicing first aid to better prepare themselves to save the lives of others if destruction descends upon us from the skies. Through their efforts, suffering and death among civilian populations will be kept at an absolute minimum. The old Boy Scout slogan, "Be Prepared," was never more appropriate than it is now.

Three hundred and sixty-five employes of the Company are spending their own time learning how to make emergency seconds count by attending classes now being conducted in the Gas Building under the sponsorship of the Safety Section. Special classes for girls are held on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The men attend classes on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings.

The winter classes are still in session with an enrollment of 62 women and 68 men. Instructors, who devote their spare time to teaching, are Lillian Cunningham, Credit and Collection; H. W. Fredrick, Research and Testing; Joseph Sheehy, Customers Order; E. R. Enger, Central District; C. O. Patterson, Purchasing; Arthur Slinn, South District; Ernie Beaumont and S. W. Stetler, Safety division; and George Burns, Meter Repair.

Paul Strom, Customers, demonstrates a splint and bandage for a fracture of the upper arm. The mummy standing next to him is Ernest Rainford, Credit and Collection, who demonstrates an open face bandage.

In the picture below a splint has been applied to the victim's leg and now the students administer shock treatment by covering the patient with a blanket. Standing (l. to r.) are: Evelyn Larson, Arline Postal, Mary Reid, Grace Wesley, all from the Key Punch section; Eleanore Westlake, Executive Office; Esther Timmermann, Office of Assistant Vice-president; June Muehlig, Key Punch section; Lucille Buxton, General Accounting; Bernice Baumann and Roma Schwenke, Key Punch section; Agnes Sponberg, Chicago By-Products; Ruth Kath and Eleanor Haines, Key Punch section. The victim—Lorraine Moste, Property and Tax Accounting.

At left below, the finishing touches are placed on a head bandage while the class beams approval. In the back row stand Helen Burris, Helen Sheehan, and Alcie Lipps from General Accounting; Margaret Gebbie, Customer Accounting; Eleanore Westoll, Receipts; Buryl Merchant, Billing; Dorothy Crane, Kate Wilson, and Margaret Sullivan from the Books. Kneeling in the front row are: Juanita Bishop, Peoples Gas Building; Marie Weigel, Statistical; Marjorie Andretich, Billing; Marie Ahlstrom, General Accounting; Kay Walsh and Mildred Bourke, Books; and Marian Barnes, Statistical.

THINK
PRACTICE
TALK
SAFETY

The class, at right-hand corner below, looks pretty well battered up—but does a good job of demonstrating the various types of bandages learned by First Aid students. Standing are: Ed Bell, Credit and Collection; Paul Strom and Bernard Cooney, Customers; Charles Piper and Robert Berry, Credit and Collection; and Owen Fee, Meter Reading. The men kneeling are: Fred Gebauer, Credit and Collection; Richard Cahill and William Kelsey, Customers; James Kirkwood, Credit and Collection; and Instructor Stetler, Safety division. Lying down, with a traction splint on his leg, is Ed Flanagan, Customers.

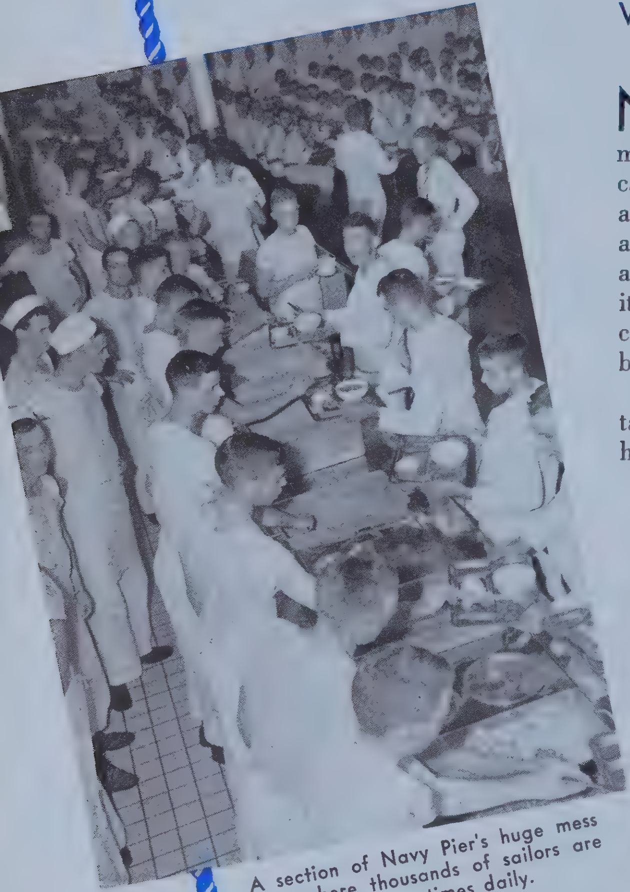
Chow Time AT NAVY PIER

THOUSANDS OF SAILORS SERVED TASTY AND VITAMIN-PACKED FOOD PREPARED WITH THE LATEST-TYPE GAS EQUIPMENT

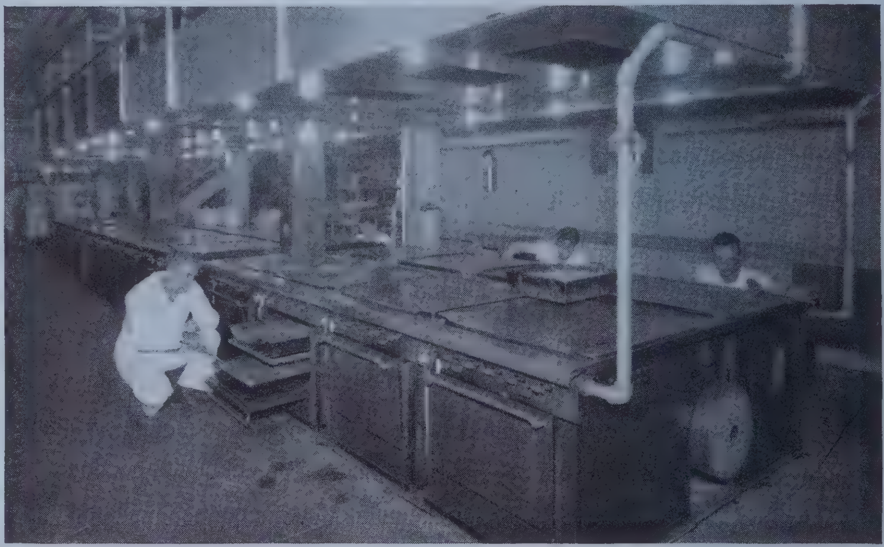
NAVY PIER, jutting out into the blue waters of Lake Michigan for almost a mile, has been known to Chicagoans for the past two decades as an exhibition hall, a lake passenger and freight depot, as well as a bright and gay amusement spot where urbanites escaped the deep canyons of the city and enjoyed rejuvenating lake breezes on humid summer nights.

Today, however, a great change has taken place. Every square inch of the huge structure has been taken over by the Navy as a training station for thousands of newly-enlisted bluejackets who are learning certain specialized skills to be applied to modern naval warfare. In a few months' time, raw recruits are transformed into first class naval aviation machinists, metalsmiths, and Diesel engineers. These trainees eat, sleep, and work on the good ship "Navy Pier" and eat nothing but the best from gas fired kitchens that are the last word in modernity.

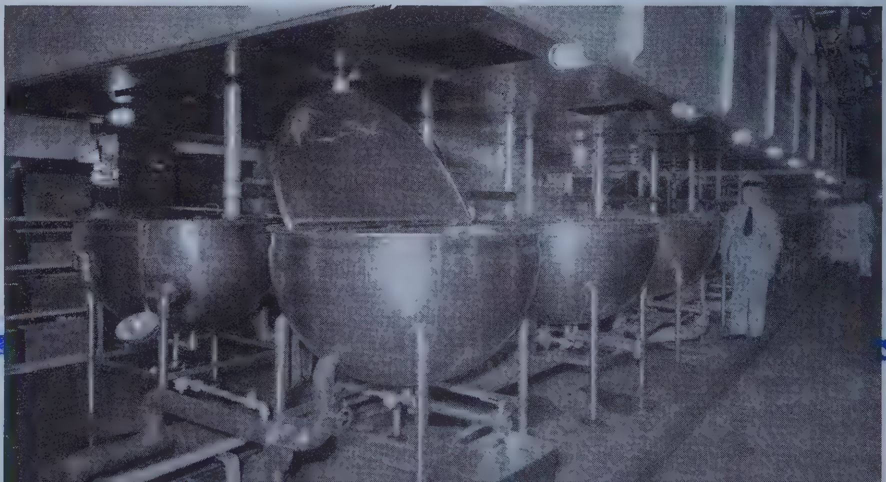
To the officers and men in charge



A section of Navy Pier's huge mess hall, where thousands of sailors are fed three times daily.



The battery of fry top gas ranges shown at right is unusually large. Meat loaf was on the menu on the day the picture was taken.



Everything from soup to mashed potatoes can be made in this row of gas fired cookers.

This sailor's expert hands will make short work of that side of beef and so will the gobs in the mess hall.

Frozen delicacies are popular the year 'round. These two lads are apparently enjoying their work.

of feeding thousands of hungry mouths three times daily, EAT is a three letter word that carries a wallop. About 30,000 pounds of food is handled on the pier during an average day—roughly, 450 tons a month. Several thousand sailors are served in the huge cafeteria in a little more than an hour. Experts believe this feeding program to be the largest concentrated job of its kind in Chicago—or, for that matter, anywhere else.

If a visitor were permitted to take a peek into the Navy's biggest and finest kitchen, he would observe batteries of large fry-top gas ranges, double rows of heavy duty deep fat fryers, huge gas fired bake ovens, each with a capacity of 650 loaves per load. Each unit has its own thermostatic control.

According to Lt. Commander C. G. Grimes, who is the administrative officer for all food service on the Pier, "The Navy's primary objective must be the health of the men. And that involves two things: first—sanitation. We must see to it that no factor of handling or preparation causes contamination or spoilage. And second—nutrition. The rations must be balanced so that each man will get his quota of protein, minerals, and vitamins each day."

And so it is that under exceptionally strict regulations the Navy's hard-working cooks and bakers produce the kind of "chow" that the gobs like, and in quantities sufficient to satisfy man-sized appetites. Gas fired equipment, with its minute controllability, helps the Navy personnel to make the food uniformly good, consistently appetizing, and packed full of the vitamins that will help win the war.

Soup simmers while this sailor-cook causes quite a stir with his man-sized paddle.

The Navy bakes pies like mother used to make.

A few thousand orders of french fries in double quick time is nothing unusual for the cooks at Navy Pier.

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Homework for the Hands

With the possibility of a shortage of beauty shop operators you might like these hints from professional nail groomers: To remove old nail enamel try an oily polish remover for good results. Saturate a bit of cotton and hold against the nail for a few seconds, then slowly push downwards. Usually one stroke does the job. File nails in one direction only from corner to center. Cuticle should be pushed back starting at the base then going up and out. When polishing nails rest fingers on a flat surface to avoid streaking. Put lacquer on in light, quick strokes. To give longer life to polish it is wise economy to use a colorless overcoat. Enamel also dries quickly this way.

Mail for Morale

Looking for letters from home. . . . The men in service stationed here and abroad watch the mails with great anticipation for that letter from home. Don't fail them. Write to them often. Remember the job they are doing for us. Tell them the little trivialities of your everyday life. What you are doing. What various members of the family are doing. What friends you have seen. What they are doing. That piece of paper on which you write is your magic carpet. With it you transport yourself to him. WRITE HIM TODAY!

A Colorful Thought

Consider color carefully. . . . When selecting colors for the living room which is used by the whole family and by guests, keep in mind colors which are a suitable background for both men and women. This plan would eliminate baby blues and pinks.

Soup's On

SOUPS at last have an opportunity to come into their own. Instead of being considered one course of a several course meal, they will be raised in rank in many families to one of the main dishes in the day's planning.

It's true, these aren't ordinary soups. They're a far cry from the clear broths with several noodles floating therein. A salad and beverage need only be added to have a complete, satisfying meal.

The addition of milk and cheese not only improves the flavor of the soup, but acts as an alternate for the protein of meats which is necessary for tissue building and repairing.

These simple dishes are certainly the answer to the housewife's prayer—economical, time saving, easy to prepare, and nutritious—all in the same breath. Try them.

CREAM OF CHEESE SOUP

1 med. onion, minced
2 Tbs. butter or fortified margarine
4 Tbs. flour
1 tall can evaporated milk
2⅓ cups water
1 tsp. celery salt
⅛ tsp. paprika
½ tsp. salt
1 cup coarsely grated American Cheese

Cook onion and butter or margarine over low flame for 3 minutes without browning. Stir in flour, add evaporated milk diluted with 2⅓ cups water and cook until thickened (about ten minutes). Add seasonings and cheese. Stir until cheese is melted. May serve garnished with finely chopped parsley.

CREAM OF CHICKEN RICE SOUP

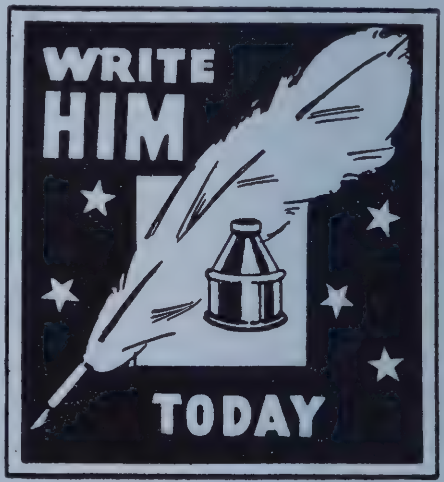
2 chicken backs
1½ qts. cold water
1 tsp. salt
¼ cup washed rice
2 cups whole milk or
1 cup canned milk diluted with 1 cup water

Simmer chicken backs in salted water 1½ hours. Remove meat from bones, cut in small pieces, return to stock. Add the rice and cook 20 minutes. Then stir in milk, bring to boiling point. Serve sprinkled with parsley.

CREAM OF VEGETABLE SOUP

1 can condensed beef and vegetable soup
Equal amount of water
½ cup evaporated milk
½ cup cooked macaroni
2 Tbs. grated cheese

Empty contents of can into saucepan; add equal amount of water. Stir in evaporated milk and cooked macaroni. Heat to boiling point. Serve sprinkled with cheese.



The New Gas Club Officers for 1943

These people will guide the destinies of the Peoples Gas Club, the social and recreational organization of employes, during 1943. They are (left to right) Richard J. Cahill, Vice President; Jeanne Day, Assistant Secretary; Michael Lambke, President; Dorothy Rees, Secretary; and James Snyder, Treasurer.

Record Crowd Expected at Annual Inaugural Party, January 18

PREPARATIONS are being made by Club officials to accommodate a large attendance at the annual inaugural meeting of the Peoples Gas Club to be held in Orchestra Hall, 216 South Michigan Avenue, on Monday, January 18, at 8 p.m.

Headlining the program as speaker of the evening will be George A. Ranney, Chairman of the Company. Other speakers will be Wilton Brown, retiring President of the Club, Michael Lambke, incoming President, and E. S. Beaumont, Supervisor of Safety and Chairman of the Suggestion Committee. During the meeting, the Company-wide Safety Contest awards and the Suggestion Contest awards will be distributed to the winners. A series of vaudeville acts will also be presented.

Gas Post Launches Drive For Old Radios To Aid U. S. Signal Corps

AS THE RESULT OF AN IDEA submitted to the Suggestion Committee in December, the Peoples Gas Post is sponsoring a drive throughout the Company to collect old radios and radio parts. These will be given to the U. S. Army Signal Corps in Chicago to be used by student radio technicians.

The school has found that the best way to teach radio is to give the students actual sets which they can take apart, repair, and reassemble. In order to speed up the course and graduate the hundreds of radio technicians needed by the Armed Forces, it is imperative that the school have more equipment; they're not particular about the kind, make, age, or condition.

On every departmental bulletin board is posted the name of the department chairman of the drive and each department has its own collection depot. If an employe has a radio which is too large to carry to the office, it is suggested that he contact his department chairman so that a pick-up can be arranged. Also, if an employe lives near any of the Company stores, he may leave his contributions there.

This drive for old radios and radio parts will last until February 15. Employes are urged to search from attic to cellar for discarded equipment which is vitally needed by the Signal Corps. Every radio, every part of a radio which you donate is a direct contribution to the war effort.

Seven Group Winners Announced in Annual Safety Contest

DURING the first week in January, the Safety Section announced the seven departmental group winners in the 1942 Company-wide Safety Contest. The winners will receive the prizes, ranging from $50 to $200, at the Annual Inaugural Meeting of the Peoples Gas Club, on January 18. They are as follows:

GROUP 1—*South District Shop*	$200
GROUP 2—*Crawford Station*	125
GROUP 3—*Research & Testing*	75
GROUP 4—*Chicago District Pipeline*	50
GROUP 5—*22nd St. Station*	50
GROUP 6—*Meter Reading (63rd)*	50
GROUP 7—*Gas Bldg. Day Force*	50

Outstanding in the contest were Research and Testing, Chicago District Pipeline Company, and 22nd Street Station, who completed the contest period without a single lost time injury. A last minute accidental injury in Group Two bounced Crawford Station Division B into a tie with Division A of the same Station.

Competition was also very close among the Shop Districts in Group One, as well as in Group Six between Meter Reading (63rd St.) and the Main Office sections. South Station lost out in the last week of the contest.

The 1942 Safety Contest was voted a success by winners and losers alike. An announcement of the 1943 Safety Contest will be published in the next issue of the NEWS.

Vitamins Valuable As Jewels To Europeans

IN THE LAST YEAR, this country has sent millions of dollars worth of vitamin concentrates to war-torn Europe. Armored trucks carry the load to waiting ships in our ports. Convoys watch over the freighters with their close-packed cargoes as they move through submarine-infested waters. Vitamin and mineral concentrates are the precious jewels of starving Europe. In America, food shortages and rationing make concentrates of greater and greater importance. Fortunately, supplies here are plentiful.

NINETY-ONE EXHIBITS IN EMPLOYE PHOTO SHOW

Looking over the photo exhibit are (left to right): Mildred Zima, Betty Dougherty, Marge Dougherty, Charlotte Cullen, and LaVerne Kinnally.

THERE were ninety-one exhibits in the Annual Employes Photo show this year, an excellent collection of black and whites and Kodachromes. It was apparent from the exhibit that Gas Company photographers travel all over the country with their cameras, for there were pictures taken at Glacier Park in Montana; in the South Dakota Bad Lands; in Michigan; in Brown County, Indiana; in the nation's capital; and in Mexico.

Among the list of prize winners were those who had won prizes in previous years. However, there were many new names among the entrants, indicating that photography is rapidly becoming a favorite hobby with the Gas Family.

In the advanced portrait group, Daniel Mowat, Advertising, took first prize with his bubble-blowing baby, "Joan." "Drifts," a beautiful snow scene entered by Victor Bittner, Engineering, took first prize in the advanced landscape group. In the advanced miscellaneous group, "Ol' Timer," a picture of a weather-beaten fisherman entered by Julien Jordan, Engineering, captured first place.

Top honors in the amateur group were won by Olga Mae Schiemann, Customers Service, who entered "Cuddle Doon," a picture of a sweet little Scotch boy, scrubbed and brushed and ready for bed; Vivian Williams, Receipt section, who entered "Shaded Retreat"; and Robert Mitchell, son of Wesley Mitchell, Testing, with "Memories," an indoor shot of a typical Christmas scene.

Kodachrome winners were Blanche Shullaw, Display; Margaret Onions, Customers Service; William Schueler, Customers; Warren Wehlau, Statistical; and Ruth Jaffke, Medical.

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH FILM

In the circle above, Shirley Wright, and Evelyn Sitkiewicz, are shown viewing the Kodachrome color transparencies which were illuminated in a specially constructed exhibit case.

These Employes Won Bonds and Stamps with their Photographs

ADVANCED GROUP

Portraits

1st Prize—a $25.00 War Bond
"JOAN"
By D. A. Mowat—Advertising

2nd Prize—$10 in War Stamps
"ODIE PUCKET"
By Julien Jordan—Engineering

3rd Prize—$5.00 in War Stamps
"A LITTLE MOTHER"
By Victor Bittner—Engineering

Landscape

1st Prize—a $25.00 War Bond
"DRIFTS"
By Victor Bittner—Engineering

2nd Prize—$10.00 in War Stamps
"COUNTRY LANE"
By Victor Bittner—Engineering

3rd Prize—$5.00 in War Stamps
"ROUGH RIDING"
By Victor Bittner—Engineering

Miscellaneous

1st Prize—a $25.00 War Bond
"OL' TIMER"
By Julien Jordan—Engineering

2nd Prize—$10.00 in War Stamps
"SILHOUETTE"
By Julien Jordan—Engineering

(No 3rd Prize Awarded)

AMATEUR GROUP

Portraits

1st Prize—$10.00 in War Stamps
"CUDDLE DOON"
By Olga Mae Schiemann, Customers Service

(No 2nd or 3rd Prizes)

Landscape

1st Prize—$10.00 in War Stamps
"SHADED RETREAT"
By Vivian Williams, Receipts

2nd Prize—$5.00 in War Stamps
"MIRRORED MOUNTAIN"
By Vivian Williams, Receipts

3rd Prize—$3.00 in War Stamps
"QUIETUDE"
By Ruth Jaffke, Medical

Miscellaneous

1st Prize—$10.00 in War Stamps
"MEMORIES"
By Robert W. Mitchell

2nd Prize—$5.00 in War Stamps
"STRIKE"
By Ruth Jaffke, Medical

(No 3rd prize)

KODACHROME

1st Prize—$5.00 in War Stamps
"DUCKY"
By Blanche Shullaw, Display

2nd Prize—$4.00 in War Stamps
"POPPIES"
By Margaret Onions, Customers Service

3rd Prize—$3.00 in War Stamps
"PERFECTION"
By W. A. Schueler, Customers

4th Prize—$2.00 in War Stamps
"PEACEFUL HARBOR"
By Warren Wehlau, Statistical

5th Prize—$1.00 in War Stamps
"AMID THE BAD LANDS"
By Ruth Jaffke, Medical

THE JUDGES in the Contest were: Torkel Korling, free lance commercial photographer; Clyde Brown, of the Chicago *Daily News;* and George Elmberger, Gas Company annuitant, and former Photographic Superintendent.

Retired from Service

January 1, 1943

Service

JOHN JELENOVICH
Calumet Station, 37 Years, 3 Months

ANTON ZAKRZEWSKI
Division St. Station, 39 Years, 6 Months

JERRY S. KARASEK
Customers, 23 Years, 10 Months

CHARLES A. LAMB
Crawford Station, 14 Years, 11 Months

EUGENIA M. PALMER
Customers Order, 24 Years, 2 Months

Employes Who Left For Military Service During December '42

Bloom, Charles N.
Cirafici, John
Claysen, Carlton
Coan, John J.
Conrad, Fred A.
Hartnett, F. L.
Hogan, Joseph F.
Kearney, Ralph D.
Kenney, Thomas J.
Kirchhoff, R. J.
Larone, John F.
McElroy, Bertram
Morgan, M. O.
Murray, William
Newman, Frank
Nickel, Herbert
O'Neill, Edward
Rozynek, Richard
Schalk, Fred
Shire, Sidney S.
Sievert, N. L.
Stamm, Elmer J.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

THE QUESTION of the hour seems to be the income tax, and we are ready for you with copies of YOUR INCOME TAX, BY J. K. LASSER. This 1943 edition contains special sections for members of the Armed Forces, the new 1943 Victory tax, and the important changes in the income tax law in 1942. It is written for the average man and woman, in simple untechnical language, and you should be able to find the answer to any question that arises in making out your tax return. . . .

Everyone who is striving for clear expression and correct usage, in speech and in writing, will be interested in the new WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY OF SYNONYMS. This is a comprehensive book of synonyms written on a new plan, including extensive lists of antonyms, and analogous and contrasted words. A copy is on the Library table for reference. . . .

The fields of chemistry and physics have been particularly active of recent months, and we now have the new edition of the HANDBOOK OF CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS. . . .

Anyone with a knowledge of general chemistry, be he student, engineer, or executive, who wishes to grasp the fundamentals of the various branches of modern chemical industry will find a survey of the essential features in ROGERS' INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY, 6th ed., 2 vols., edited by C. C. Furnas. This new edition is in the Library for reference. . . .

We have been building up a collection of pamphlets and other publications of the Office of War Information, which includes the handbooks and publications of the Office of Civilian Defense, Selective Service System, material for use with the War Department Orientation Course, and many other sources. You may find war information material here that will be helpful in your civilian defense activities in your community, in your volunteer services, or for your classes, forums, or discussion groups.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

CUPA JAVA—The world's largest coffee urn is located right here in Chicago at the new Chrysler plant. It is seven feet high and has a capacity of 125 gallons. One filling of the urn will supply 2500 cups of hot coffee but the wear and tear on the old ration book certainly must be terrific.

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GAS FOR FISHING BOATS—There is seemingly no end to the uses to which gas can be put. The latest service this fuel is doing is in helping the Dutch people to supplement the small amount of food left them by the Nazis by driving fishing boats which would otherwise be immobilized through lack of fuel. It is reported in a Netherlands newspaper that gas generators similar to those used on automobiles in England and Germany are to be fitted to the whole fishing fleet in the Dutch port of Ijmuiden. The smacks in three Dutch ports have already had the generators installed and it is expected that similar equipment will be fitted also in small boats fishing near the port of Scheveningen.

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SAFETY FIRST—A recent article in *The Reader's Digest* states that the nation's accident toll is aiding the enemy. Traffic accidents are the greatest single source of all injuries and deaths. Before one of our large industrial customers, the Studebaker Corporation, built its aircraft engine plant on the South Side, its safety men went into a huddle with the City of Chicago's traffic engineer.

Their joint plan included rearranging and timing traffic lights near the plant, scheduling shift changes so that they do not coincide with peak congestion hours elsewhere, and locating parking lots so that workers need not cross streets. Falls, particularly on littered stairways, are the greatest source of home injuries. One utility company gathers reports from its meter readers on every basement they visit. A man knows from his route sheet that he must "watch out for the third step at 122 First Street."

Company Suggesters Cash Ideas And Win Extra Christmas Money

SEVERAL IDEA-MINDED EMPLOYES earned extra Christmas money when their suggestions paid-off during December, 1942. On the winning list was one by Oliver Williams, of Crawford Station, which netted $15 for suggesting the use of a gong sound to signal the charging car at Crawford Station.

Ten dollar awards were won by William Kelsey, Customers department, and George Annen, Bookkeeping section. Mr. Kelsey's idea proposed the placing of a date on customers meter reading cards. Mr. Annen's idea involved a change in the method of tabulating current billing cards.

Three separate cash awards at one time is the record of Millard Keller, Stores Department.

Three separate suggestions clicked all at once for Millard Keller, Stores department, who thought of changes in printed forms used by the department which resulted in improvements and savings.

Proving that the feminine mind is also capable of producing valuable suggestion ideas, Fayne Kiley, Correspondence, clicked on two proposed changes involving her work, one of which affected the mailing of GAS NEWS to military men (see page 1).

Martin J. Walsh, Accounting, a consistent producer of cash-worthy suggestion ideas for several years, was awarded another five spot for submitting a plan to improve the method of measuring the receivers' efficiency.

South District's John J. Harris is richer by five dollars since the Suggestion Committee voted to reward him for proposing safety changes in some of the South Shop automotive equipment.

A recent winner of a 10 dollar award was George Kazunas, Service Dispatch Section.

Robert C. Potthoff, Customers Order's ace musician, proposed a change in the method of noting turn-on orders and received five "iron men" for his trouble.

Check Spelling on Bonds When Received

EMPLOYES are asked to carefully check each War Bond they buy to see that it is made out to the right person and that the name is spelled correctly. If an error is detected, report it to E. J. Caulfield, Cashier, immediately. This will save much time and trouble later.

If an employe's wife is the beneficiary her given name should be used, as Mrs. Mary Smith—not Mrs. John Smith. Wherever the name of a feminine owner, co-owner, or beneficiary appears it must be prefixed by "Miss" or "Mrs." At least one given name should be used in full, as John R. Smith—not J. R. Smith.

War Time Extension Training Offered Industrial Employes

THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION is offering war time extension training to employes of industry in the Chicago area through several junior colleges. The semester, which begins on February 1, will feature both day and evening classes for men and women.

There is no tuition fee for residents of Chicago. An activity fee of $6.00 is required of all part time and evening students, a part of which is returnable under certain conditions. Employes interested in attending are urged to communicate with Leland Medsker, Board of Education, 228 N. LaSalle St., Chicago.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

South Sales Section
BY WALTER CAHILL

Elmer Stamm reported to the Navy on December 18. Jack Voorn reported to the Army on January 5. Our best wishes accompany them. . . . We enjoyed a visit from Al Gould and Frank Roberts during the holidays. Al, a First Lieutenant in the Air Transport Command was on his way to Salt Lake City. Frank Roberts was on an eight day leave. He is a Lieutenant in the Air Service Command, Dyersburg Army Air Base, Tennessee.

Service Dispatching Section
BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

The Christmas Party on the Balcony was a friendly affair, brightened by the glow and warmth of many trees in holiday garb. . . . Hobby Notes: Frank Walsh is brushing up in the manly art of boxing to keep fit for the duration, while Bill Cary gets exercise standing in line for his butter ration. . . . After participating in his church minstrel show, Thespian Larry O'Connor proved a seasoned trooper, favoring us with his interpretation of an Afro-Irish clog and his inimitable rendition of the Irish cry. Larry also proposes that Mistletoe be displayed year round to allow better opportunities to demonstrate the O'Connor osculatory method. . . . Servicemen are writing to us more and more, and letters are welcome. . . . Thought for 1943—Besides hoping and praying for Victory, let's work a little bit harder for it.

Messenger Service
BY GLORIA VILLMOCK

The Ante Room is very proud of its new lass, Peggy Loftus, who has what it takes when the girls begin to slow up. She replaced Relda Day who was promoted to General Accounting. . . . Marion Bona, who was promoted to Personnel, was replaced by Marge Dougherty. Mildred Zima is also a new addition to the Ante Room. . . . Congratulations to Catherine Hastings who is now in Correspondence. . . . The shining new faces seen around the building belong to LaVerne Kinnally, Betty Dougherty, Marge Voigt, Frances Connor, Betty Coleman, Betty Clifton, and Irene Cink who are being initiated into messenger work. More power to you girls. . . . It begins to look like the Army will take over Sam Bronstein's career. . . . Loads of good wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Key Punch Section
BY DOLORES TAYLOR

The lucky girls to receive rings this Christmas were Evelyn Parson, Clarice Peters, and Shirley Bruse. Marge Henricksen received a birthstone ring from her brother who is stationed in San Francisco. . . . At noon on the 24th things began to happen in the Keypunch Section. Gifts were exchanged and while gay little candles burned, songs of Christmas were sung. A good time was had by all. . . . The former "Bee" Lenzen paid us a Christmas visit and is looking mighty fine. . . . We express our deepest sympathy to Rita Conlon upon the unexpected death of her father.

Industrial Sales
BY WILLIAM HELME

It was nice to hear Joe Vesley's voice over the phone even if we didn't get to see him on his recent hurried trip home from Camp Campbell, Ky., where he is soldiering with the 44th Armored Regiment. Joe has established "contact" with Al Schultz, who is attending the Advanced Flying School, Eagle Pass, Texas, and some "high tales" have already been exchanged. . . . Most all the boys and gals attended the pre-Christmas breakfast and later adjourned to a bowling emporium.

South District
BY JOHN SCHULDT

A Card from Ned Chapman, Jr. tells us that he is stationed in Oregon and is attached to the Medical Corps. Frank Newman left for duty when the Presbyterian Hospital Unit, in which he had enlisted, was called during December. Ralph Kearney has entered the Navy. Eddie Barrett dropped in the office while he was home on Christmas leave. He is still stationed at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. Greeting cards were received from Melvin Loehrke, Tim Murphy, Tony Plazibat, Johnny Hafford, Tom Boyle, Ed Heil, Tony Geegan, and John Moran, who is stationed in Hawaii. Fred Conrad, our switchboard operator, has enlisted in the Army Signal Corps and entered the Service on January 4. . . There was a temporary lull in the bowling league during the holidays. With the schedule one-third completed we find the Ranges on top with only two or three games separating the remaining teams all the way down. It looks like it will be a photo finish. . . . The December Forum held on December 21 at the South District Shop was brightened by a colorful Christmas tree. An evening of entertainment was provided by the men themselves, and all those present enjoyed themselves to the fullest. . . . With the start of a new year, we want to keep "Safety" foremost in our minds. South District's safety record for 1942 was one of our best efforts in some time, so let's get busy and improve on it for 1943.

Division Station
BY M. F. KENNEDY

At a party given in his honor Tony Zakrzewski retired on his pension after forty years of service. Tony was presented with his badge of honor, a gold watch, by the boys at Division. His cheery "Hello Johnnie," a greeting for everyone, will be missed by all of us. Many healthy and prosperous years for the future, Tony. . . . Our sincere sympathy to the families of Frank Campbell and Art Gallagher in their recent bereavement, the death of the former's wife and the latter's mother. Our genial scot, Bob Forman, is very much himself again after a bout with a winter cold. . . . Howard Anderson has just returned from Marionette, Wisconsin, where he spent the holidays with his mother. . . . Welcome to our new record clerk, Bob St. Julien, recently transferred from Crawford. . . . Richard Schuley was unsuccessful in his quest for certain forms of wood but is to be congratulated on his sincere effort. Guess the horses will be out of luck, Rich. . . . One of the most unique hobbies we have seen in years is Jim Wier's collection of dolls.

After 24 years of service, Eugenia Palmer, Telephone Order Section of the Customers Order Department, is pictured as she received congratulations from Jesse Dowen, Superintendent of the Department, before she left Chicago on January 1, to "take things easy" as a Gas Company annuitant. She will reside in Detroit. James E. Carr, President of the Harmony Club, is shown presenting her with a suitcase, the gift from her co-workers.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

FRANK FRANKOVICH was retired on December 1 after a long record of faithful service with Crawford Station. We hope he will enjoy his retirement to the utmost. Incidentally he has three sons—one in high school; one at Beaumont, Texas, who is an athletic instructor; and one in service with the U.S. forces in Australia. . . . Jerome Coyle, 18 year old son of Tony Coyle, has joined the Marines and is now in San Diego, California. . . . We sympathize with Frank C. Lawell and Thomas O'Keefe who recently were bereaved by the loss of a brother. . . . Andrew Peterson is back to work after a long illness. . . . Charles Lamb was retired January 1. . . . The Machine Shop group was proud of its "patriotic" Christmas tree. Mounted at the top was a flag kept fluttering by a current of air. Lights of red, white, and blue adorned the tree and the balance of decoration consisted of red, white, and blue tinsel. Ed Gorney was the Chief Trimmer. . . . Charles Nicholas once again played the part of Santa Claus at the Christmas party for the crippled children at the Shriners' Hospital. This is Charlie's annual job, and every year he does it better. . . . We are glad to report that John Miller is recovering nicely at St. Anthony's Hospital.

Domnic Caputo, formerly of Crawford Station, now serves with the U. S. Army.

Refining Plant

BY "JUNIOR" McGRAIL

CHRISTMAS is still a topic of discussion at the plant, especially the Children's Party given by the Berwyn Civic Club at which operator Carl Pieper portrayed Santa Claus. All rumors to the contrary, we have information "from usually reliable sources" that he did not require the padding furnished to all Kris Kringles. . . . Joe Sartori's request to Santa, forwarded by his son, was rejected for unknown reasons. . . . It's good to see the fellows who have returned from a long sick leave. They are, Bud McMullan and "Sarge" Bob Lewis. Bob Lavin has also returned after a slight illness. . . . Bill Kreuger, our chief mechanic, Asa Stoner, our storekeeper, and Wally Rydel, platform man, have all returned from their late, but nevertheless, welcome vacations. . . . Johnny Byrnes, one of our soldier boys, dropped in during the holidays to extend season's greetings to every one. John is looking fine, and the fact that he is stationed with the Medical Corps in North Carolina may have something to do with it. . . . Roland Kubicek and Hank Hoffman, who worked side by side in the "Lab" are stationed at Camps Roberts, and Callan, California, respectively. Ed O'Neill is the latest from here to go into Service, although we do not yet know where he is stationed. . . . The bowling team is still on the upgrade and at the latest report was in second place, due to the vast improvement of the "Champ" plus the usual steady bowling of the other four members.

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

HOLIDAY GREETINGS received from our men in far-off places were constant reminders of a wartime Christmas, but we trust that they, as well as we at home, had their share of cheer. . . . P.F.C. Tom Kirby's letter contained the glad news that he and Jean Brundage, Customer Accounting department, became engaged on Christmas Day. Congratulations! . . . From Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Arizona, Aviation Cadet Jim Breen writes of air-conditioned rooms, innerspring mattresses, regal food, and tiled swimming pools at his "Country Club of the Air Corps." But these, he explains, are mere incidentals in his long days of looping and diving. . . . Tony DiLullo of the Coast Guard was in for a visit, and with a subsequent letter expressed great pleasure in seeing all of the "Gas House" again. It was mutual, Tony. . . . The department turned out for a gala Christmas luncheon at the Chicago College Club, December 24. Barney Schultz, annuitant, renewed acquaintances with old friends. Sparkling entertainment was furnished by Miss Cornelia Titus, Personnel department, with magic and music. Our hats are off to Margaret Foster for arranging the bright affair. . . . Be it resolved that the New Year will bring us all back together again—from battle stations and training camps—at most, by the Christmas luncheon, 1943.

Pictured just as they quit work one night is the Machine Shop gang at Crawford Station. They are, left to right around their "patriotic" Christmas tree: George Mishkoff, Andrew Zic, Phillip Bider, Walter Henick, John Williamson, Waldo Busby, Robert Ryder, James Busby, Samuel Milin, John Skorcz, Joseph Halla, Joseph Novenski, John Kowalczyk, Christian Spanier, James Sullivan, Alphonse Tourville, and Edward Gorney.

Tabulating Section

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

WITH THE PICTURE of employe "Ace" Colby's three-month-old baby, James Anthony, we introduce to you a brand new column. . . . We present Fred Hartman, our hard working boss, Mr. Ben Rabe, his easy going assistant, and the two International Machines repair men, Messrs. Delsing and Stubstaedt, who are constantly on the job. . . . There are 70 of us boys and girls, old timers like Pat Feehan and newcomers like Lauretta Schwertfeger. . . . We like the idea of starting at this time after having celebrated Christmas just a short time ago to begin the New Year of 1943. . . . William Buckley, drafted, decided to work for his Uncle Sam instead of Mr. Hartman after December 4. . . . Helen Nowak has formally announced her intention of becoming a "WAVE," and Danny Beinecke will probably be in the Air Corps. . . . To show you what a hard workin' crowd we are —Mary Al-Greene was so intent on her keypunch work one day recently that she didn't feel the chair slipping from under her. Down on the floor she went. When we realized that she was all right, we had a good laugh. . . . Overheard while keypunching on the latest Refund, "Why don't these customers stay in one place? It would be so much easier for all of us." . . . Beginning December 28, until further notice, the Tabulating boys are working on three shifts because of our special work for the Circuit Court. . . . There will be more information about our "up and coming" group in next issue; so long for now.

James Anthony Colby

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

IT'S GRAND to receive such nice letters from our boys in Service and to know they enjoy working for Uncle Sam. J. M. McMullan wrote that he is now stationed in Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, and working pretty hard. Joe Caulfield is enjoying his training with the Air Corps in Santa Ana, California; Francis J. Dowling is spreading sunshine in Camp Haan, California; Lt. John Gagler's last letter was received from Fort Custer, Michigan. Staff Sgt. Al Hunt was in to see us during the holidays. We hope the boys enjoyed our little Christmas thought and we promise we will write to them. We missed you boys at our Christmas party this year. The food was good and the amusing gifts went over in a big way. . . . Joe Lezon is again the proud father of a baby girl, born December 5. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lezon. . . . We welcome Dorothy LeTourneau to our department. . . . J. Norman Ryrholm left the Company to work for an Aircraft company. Good luck, Norm. . . . We were sorry to learn that Margaret Loomis of the Stationery Section fell and fractured her ankle, and hope she will soon be able to be back on the job.

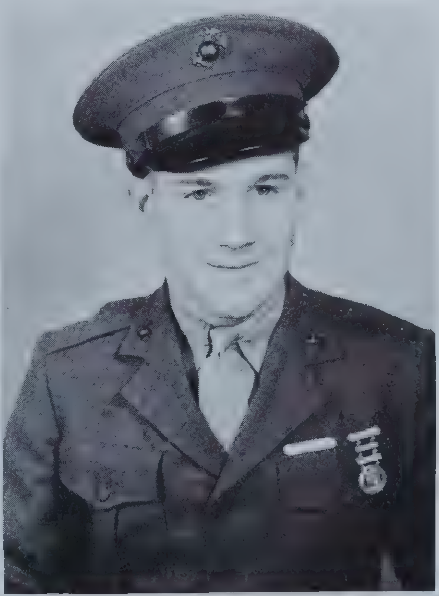
Meter Reading

BY RICHARD H. BLOHM

THIS COLUMN in its entirety is devoted to the fellows in the Army, Navy, and Marines who have left our department. Pvt. John M. Maggi, 3rd Signal Company, 3rd Marine Company, Camp Elliott, San Diego, California, whose picture is shown here, is a fine example of a soldier. Red Harrison, Warren Schabinger, and Warren Meyers were in to see us recently. Many others who visited us in the past are developing into fine specimens of men. Always a big smile, square shoulders, and praise for the Service. . . . We have received letters and cards for the season's greetings from Pvt. Arthur K. Birkland, Pvt. Earl Wassermann, Pvt. J. M. Maggi, Pvt. John T. Heuser, Pvt. Ralph Simonsen, Pvt. George Hohmeier, Pvt. Jimmie Size, Warren C. Schabinger, Sgt. J. F. Harrison, and many more. We are always happy when mail comes to our department from you boys in the Service. At the close of this year 45 Meter Readers left to serve our country. To these men let us say that:

Life's battles don't always go
To the stronger or faster man;
But, sooner or later, the man who wins
Is the fellow who thinks he can!

From the boys in the Meter Reading, they wish each and every one of you fellows a very Happy New Year and the best of everything.



Pvt. John M. Maggi

General Accounting

BY ROY YAUCH

NOW THAT we've just about become accustomed to writing 1943 instead of 1942, the General Accounting department would like to take this opportunity to extend belated but sincere New Year's Greetings to one and all. Right on the dot—that's us. . . . Not much activity this month with the usual post-holiday doldrums and repercussions holding sway. . . . Christmas may have meant givin' and gettin', last minute shopping, turkey and the trimmings, and a restful (well, supposedly) week end to most of us, but to four swell gals from this department the Christmas bells sounded very much like wedding bells. It was June in January, for Ruth Jinkins, Helen Fluery, and Jackie Weber. Pat Coatsworth arrived bright and early the Monday after Christmas sporting a sparkler that would knock your eye out. . . . The weddings of Ruth and Helen climax a series of similarities that look as if it were a well conceived plan. Very good friends, they were assigned to the same work, became engaged —to different fellows naturally—on the same week end, and announced their wedding dates about the same time, left the Company the same day and are to be married—to those same different fellows—within a few days of each other. . . . Helen, Ruth, and Jackie were each presented with gifts, candy, orchids, and the best wishes of their co-workers before they left. . . . More news—still pre-holiday variety—concerns the results of the raffle of Gladys Pecchia's knitted shawl. The raffle netted $50.29 from which Gladys provided food for three needy families. . . . Astrid Johansen and Paula Brauer enjoyed holiday vacations. Paula visited relations in Kansas and Astrid spent her time enjoying a busman's holiday in Chicago.

North District

BY HERBERT WEBER

It is hoped that the New Year will be a happy and victorious one even though we know the expense of keeping alive will be greater. March 15 will come as a shock if you haven't provided for your income tax. The tax will be considerably higher than last year, and the wise man will put away a fraction of each check to meet this bill. . . . Barney Carrothers' gang have written a new song for their wives entitled: "The Boys Must Have Worked Overtime Tonight." . . . Joe Herley went to Pearl Harbor to do some pipe fitting for the Navy. Joe is an old hand at this and should be able to show a few tricks. . . . Fritz Woelffer is going to give some more blood to the Red Cross. This will be his fourth time. Fritz isn't showing any signs of anemia yet. . . . Fred Schalk and John Cirafici left for the Army. Fred is over 38 and he missed the new ruling of the Selective Service System by one day. We wish these men all good things. . . . Dan Mroz is convalescing at Hines Hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Pat Murray will work one week in January, take his three weeks vacation and retire on his well earned pension. . . . Our street men who were loaned to Central District are now back to work at North, and we're all glad to see them again. . . . Paul Mitchell milks his cow, and feeds the hogs and chickens every morning before going to the big city to work. . . . Charles Schwartzbeck spends his evenings profitably by attending school. Charlie graduated some time ago and is now studying trigonometry. He gets up at 3:00 a.m. to do his homework, and he and Bill Jones have been competing with each other for a long time to see who gets down to work the earliest. Bill can't sleep either. . . . The men of North District extend their deepest sympathies to Bernard Gallagher in his recent bereavement. . . . George Grebens, of the U. S. Maritime Service stopped in to see us before being assigned to a ship.

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

Our Department was honored by the presence of about twenty bookkeepers from the Customer Accounting department who worked with us on the special job for the Circuit Court. A more congenial and industrious crowd has never entered our midst, and we would gladly welcome them back any time. . . . Bill Raden did a swell job as steward in preparing advance menus for our suppers at Julie's during the recent overtime stretch. . . . We had the pleasure of a visit from Sgt. Hugh Cornyn before the holidays. Hope some of the others have a similar chance for a furlough in the near future. . . . Christmas cards were received from all our soldiers.

Coke Sales

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

Our Accounting Section is very quiet now that "Zip" Woods has deserted us for Review section, main office, and Ray Schmitt has gone into outside service work. We miss the good natured banter and the pointless arguments which at times used to brighten (?) our day. However, this drab situation is being relieved somewhat by the colorful Christmas ties which Fred Porter has been wearing lately. . . . John Fisher blitzed his family with a surprise visit on Christmas day. He has been assigned an instructorship at Post Field, Fort Sill, Okla. and plans to move his family out there soon as possible. . . . Ira McCormack, one time steno in our Advertising section, is now Yeoman 2nd Class, stationed at Peru, Indiana. The best of everything to you, Ira. . . . Our would-be huntsmen had better get their guns in readiness. During our last snowfall many rabbits darted across our grounds under our very noses and not so long ago a beautiful cock pheasant paid us a visit. No need to worry about gas rationing with a "happy hunting ground" right here at Crawford.

Several weeks ago, forty-one members of the Office Management Association, representing various industries in the Chicagoland area, visited the Archives and were told the manner in which Company records are handled. The group is pictured above listening to one of the speakers.

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Merry Christmas

Pictured above is Raffle Aulenta and the display he made for the Meter Repair department showing the manger with the Christ child and an illuminated V.

Engineering Department

BY JULIEN JORDAN

We are glad to see Rees Evans and Charles Corum back with us, after spending some time at the Subway Committee's office. (All through until another subway is started.) . . . We received Christmas cards from Bernie Bitter, George Cheshire, and Jim Dawson. George is now at the Philadelphia Navy Yard waiting for a boat to take him places. Jim called the office while passing through the city. He had received his orders to get on the move (destination unknown). Tom Petty now has a fleet address—he has probably become tired of being a landlubber and pulled up his trousers and waded in. . . . Vic Bittner and your scribe did pretty well in the Photographic contest held recently in Room 1039. Results of the contest are on another page of this issue. . . . Everyone in the department reported having a very pleasant holiday season. However, we had one father, Paul Henehan, who was too strong for his youngster's punching bag. Anyway, he had to buy another one.

Property and Tax Accounting

BY DOROTHY TEUBER

We had a fine time during the holidays, and hope you all did too. It started with a luncheon for the girls at the Stevens Building restaurant, and was followed by the departmental party. We were glad to have Carl Luebke join us that day. . . . Apprentice Seaman Gen Cunningham spent her vacation in St. Louis prior to entering the Service. . . . Congratulations to Alice Kelly who announced her engagement Christmas Eve by wearing a very lovely diamond. . . . Mrs. Rose Helmrath made a New Year's resolution to end her office career and devote her full time to her career as a homemaker. We wish you the best, Rose; we'll miss you. . . . Congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Harold Busch, on the arrival, December 16, of Harold Busch III.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

Bob Leitner is coming along nicely after a long siege of illness and expects to return to Room 757 very shortly. . . . Joe Hoberg was a busy Santa this past Christmas season. . . . Cornelia Titus entertained both the Credit and Collection and the Auditing departments with her magic tricks Christmas Eve. . . . Bob Bing and Mike McNichols, both looking well, visited us recently. . . . Ruth Jaffke is the talk of the Gas Company since she rolled a 219 game and a 556 series. . . . News of our doctors who are now in Military Service: We hear that Capt. H. A. Lindberg is now out on the Pacific somewhere; Lieut. H. B. O'Neil is in San Antonio, Texas; Dr. F. DeTrana is in Charleston, South Carolina; and Dr. G. Byfield is at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky. . . . December 26 Major Walter E. Hook and Jeane Patricia Diehl were married at St. Chrysostom's Church. Major Hook, formerly of the Medical Staff, is now at Woodrow Wilson Hospital, Staunton, Virginia. Our best wishes are extended to them.

Chicago District Pipeline

BY EDMUND REED

Norman Sievert left for the Armed Services on December 28. . . . Wayne Potter was released from the Army recently and has returned to his old job as a linewalker. . . . Sgt. Tom Walsh from the Army Air Base at Pueblo, Colorado, was home on furlough for the holidays. . . . Roger Bartz has been called for a preliminary examination for the Army.

Bookkeeping

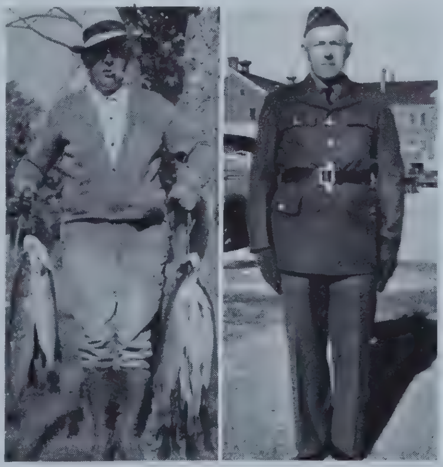
BY PHILIP CRIMMINS

The Holiday season is over at last, and everyone has more or less settled down to take the New Year in stride. . . . Incidentally, we all wish to congratulate the committee on their wonderful efforts in making the Christmas Party a success. Everyone agreed that it was one of the best parties we have ever had. . . . Word was received from our co-workers, Tom and Dorothy Farrell, about the arrival of a baby girl, born on December 29. . . . The reason that Rita Gallagher was late for work recently was: two handsome Servicemen, strange in the big city, asked her for some directions. Rita, the guardian angel that she is, not only told them but also escorted them to their destination. Nice work if you can get it, eh, Rita? . . . We wonder if Clarence McNamee's new bright green shoestrings were his inspiration for his pre-holiday spirit. . . . Patricia Porter's fellow employes wish her the best of luck and good fortune in her new venture. "Pat" left the Company to take a position in New Carlisle, Ohio. . . . Martha Opie spent her vacation by taking a trip to New York, and then visiting her home town in Virginia. . . . Marion Hoeltzer is still talking about her recent trip to Arkansas to see her husband. . . . Congratulations to the Ray Goodman's on the arrival of Donald George, born December 18.

Central District

BY WILTON BROWN

Surely you won't believe it, but these pictures show the change the Army made in the routine and appearance of Peter McGuigan. It's Private Peter McGuigan now of the United States Army. . . . The stork has been busy leaving darling little Christmas gifts in the happy homes of two of our employes. It's a boy at the home of William Buckley. It's also a boy at the home of John Williams. Congratulations to both of you. . . . It's Grandpa Menet now and is he proud. . . . Robert Kirchoff was inducted five hours before the age limit was changed. Result Private Robert Kirchoff of the United States Army. We wish you the best of everything, Bob. . . . The bowlers have had a two weeks' rest so scores should be much higher now. . . . We miss Charles Klopp who underwent a major operation. He is getting along fine, we are happy to report. Bowling nights don't seem to be the same without the veteran around. Hurry back, Charlie. . . . We are glad to have Jack Dufresne and Joe Drislane back with us after recovering from major operations. . . . Central District wishes everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR.



Pvt. Peter McGuigan

Service Anniversaries

40 YEARS

Evans, Webster R.—Peoples Gas By-Products

35 YEARS

Pietrus, Joseph—South Station

30 YEARS

Cooper, Clement—Central Storehouse
Rzock, John—South Station

25 YEARS

Human, Terrence M.—South Station
Paquet, Anna M.—Billing Section

Coupons Wanted

Employes holding coupons representing the numbers below are urged to return them at once to the Suggestion Office, Room 749.

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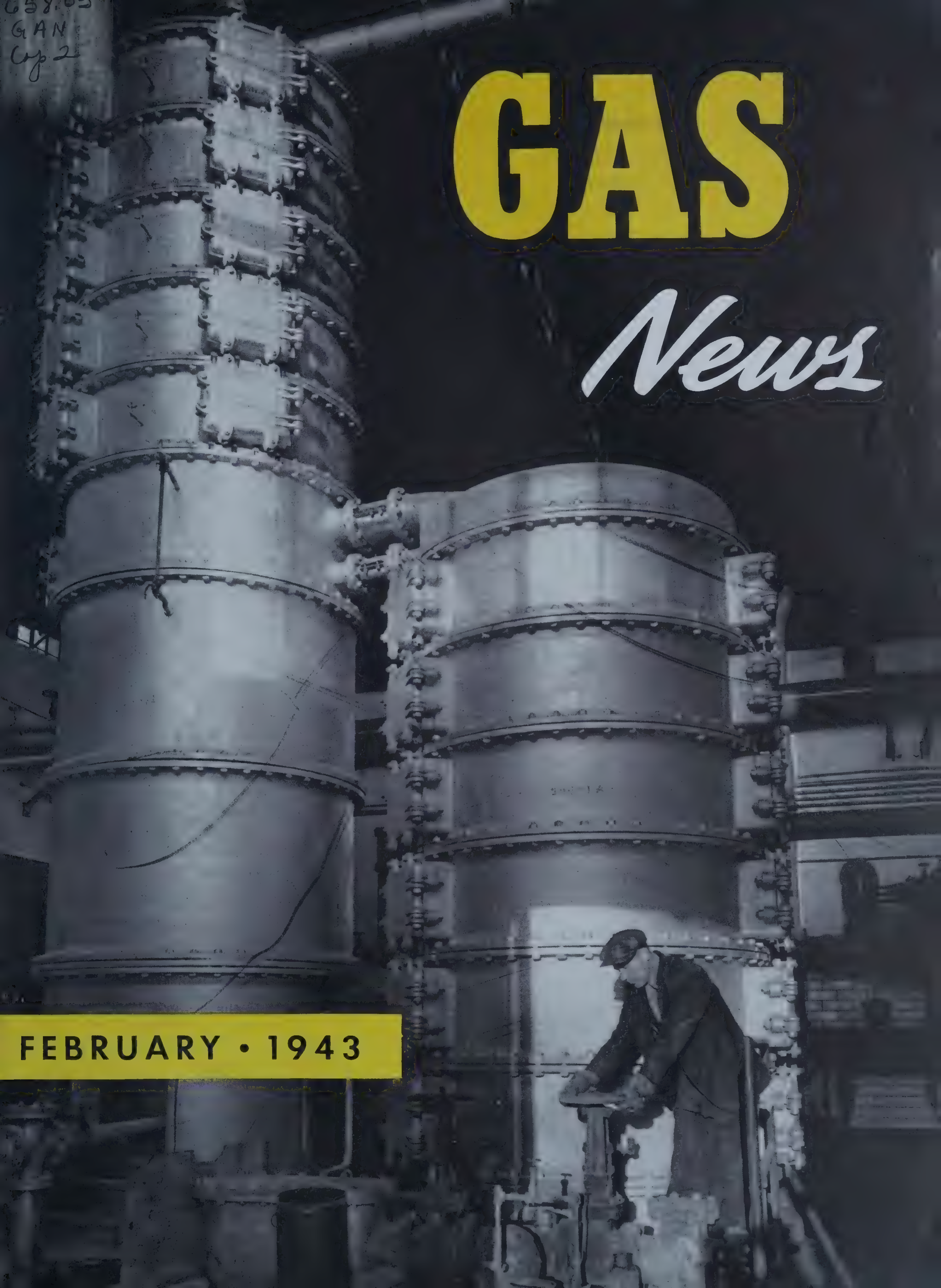

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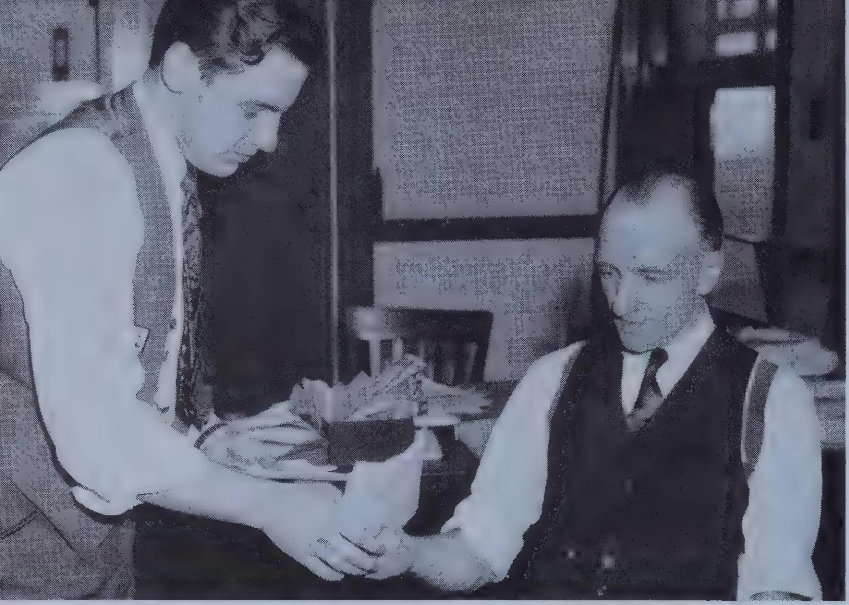
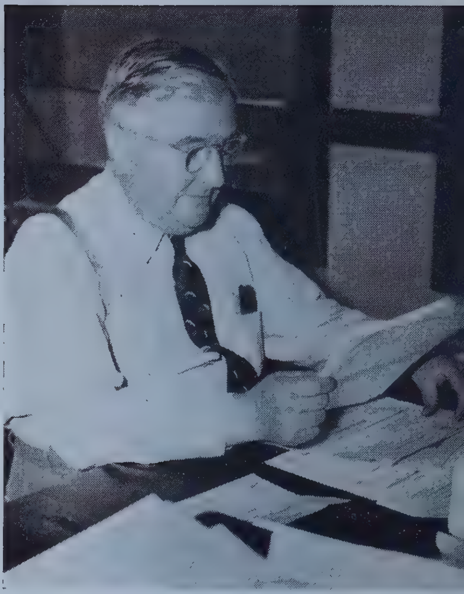


Above, Clarence Patterson, Price Clerk, finishes checking a batch of orders and hands them to Walter McCabe, former Jr. Clerk, now in the Army Air Corps.



Above, James Boucher, Chief Clerk, seems to find something pleasant in the invoices he's examining. Could be he's remembering a good deal he made with some vendor.

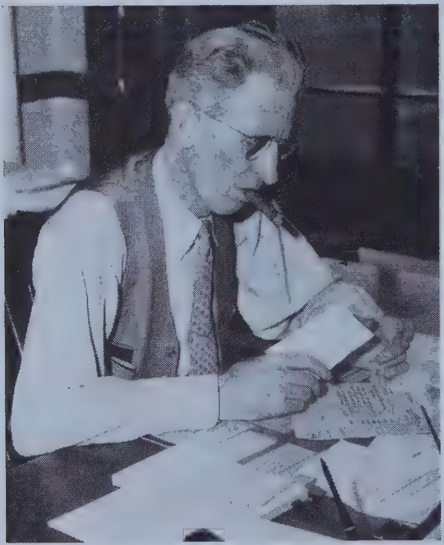
They Do OUR BUSINESS BUYING

These busy scenes candidly reflect the activities of the Purchasing department personnel, in buying the supplies necessary to the operation of our Company. (Story on Pages 6 and 7.)

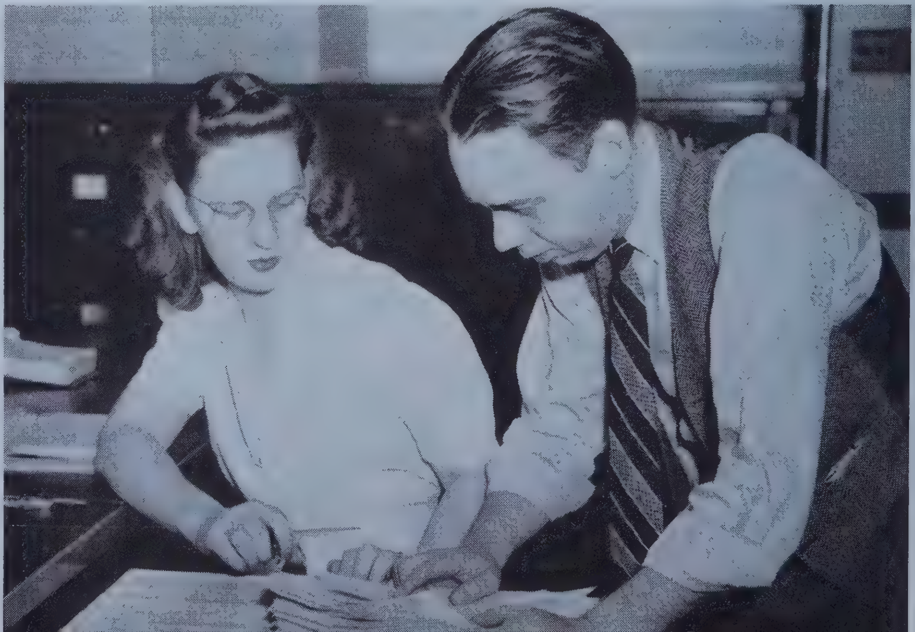
Above, L. D. Keeslar, Assistant Purchasing Agent, puzzles out a problem which is constantly on his desk—what priority number does this order rate?

At right, Helen Costabile, Jr. Clerk, answers one of the calls which keep the Purchasing department humming.

Below, Helen Lameika, Cost Clerk, and Don Bell, Price Clerk, have a talk-session over a handful of requisitions.



Above, George Scent, Price Clerk, also known as the Deacon, puffs on a black cigar as he ponders over an invoice.



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OUR COVER picture this issue shows the fixed ammonia still, part of the ammonium sulfate recovery system at Crawford Station. Ammonium sulfate, a by-product of gas manufacture, is used extensively as a commercial fertilizer, and by numerous municipalities as a water supply purifier.

Calendar of Events

Sleigh Ride Party
Saturday, February 20
Elston Riding Stables
6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Employe Forum
Tuesday, February 23
Room 1039 & Home Service Auditorium
5:30 p.m.

Gas Post Radio Drive
Ends March 1

St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance
Wednesday, March 17
Room 1039 & Home Service Auditorium
5:45 p.m.

FEBRUARY 12 is significant to all Americans as the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. For Gas Company employes the date has additional importance. On February 12, 1849, just forty years after Lincoln was born, Governor Augustus C. French signed the charter for Chicago's first gas company, the Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company. The new company's attorney, Mr. Judd, was destined to nominate Lincoln for the presidency in April, 1860. In 1855, again on February 12, a charter was signed which incorporated the Chicago Gas Company into the present organization.

Because of this odd series of events, and because a feature on Lincoln seems more apropos this war-year than ever before, GAS NEWS presents the story, "Most Affectionately, A. Lincoln," on pages 4 and 5. We thank Mr. Oliver R. Barrett, a member of the law firm employed by the Company, and Carl Sandburg, poet and Lincoln historian, for the material used.

One of Mr. Sandburg's favorite stories, as told to the author of the Lincoln article, is about the time Abe was on his way to fight his first and only duel. Years later Lincoln was asked how he felt on that ride to a sand bar of the Mississippi where the duel was to be fought. Lincoln replied that he felt like the young man who was going to war and whose sweetheart made a belt for him on which was embroidered the motto, "Victory or Death!" The young soldier protested, "I wish you would change that to read, 'Victory or Get Hurt Pretty Bad'."

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ON THIS page last issue, it was announced that the February edition would consist of an Annual Report of the Company's 1942 operations for employes. After going to press, the staff learned that certain figures which form the basis of the report would not be available at the time originally expected. As a consequence, our Annual Report edition will appear in March instead of February.

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READERS of magazines seldom realize that each copy of their favorite publication contains a small amount of metal. This metal consists of the wire which is used to fasten the pages together. Due to a War Production Board conservation schedule affecting the use of stitching wire, this publication has reduced its use of the metal one half. In this issue we have inserted one wire stitch instead of two. We are glad to help conserve this vital metal for war production purposes and believe that our readers will bear with us and our one stitch just above center until this turbulent world gets back to normal.

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IN THE days of point rationing to come shortly, people who do the family buying can simplify what may at first appear to be a perplexing shopping situation, by following a few pertinent suggestions before going on tour for the family's food requirements. On page 12 of this issue, Karen Fladoes, Home Service Director, outlines some choice bits of information concerning point rationing which should be of interest to the entire family.

TRAINING FOR SUBZERO SERVICE PROBLEMS

One method of removing dust and other particles from a service pipe, is by using the vacuum device, shown in the picture below. Dominick Ceasario, holds the switch, and Leo LaGesse makes the connection, as instructor John Hanson looks on.

Learning to use the pressure pump to rid a pipe of rust, the class gathers for a demonstration. They are Anthony Vraniak, Frank Keirse, Edward Tully, Arthur Slinn, Russell Dawson (manning the pump), Robert Earle, Jr., and Luke O'Keefe.

ANY Distribution department employe will agree that sub-zero weather brings forth service problems which are not experienced when old man Mercury finds a higher spot on the thermometer. Accordingly, schools, known to the Distribution department workmen as "No Gas" Schools, are held at the three district shops at this time of the year to demonstrate new techniques to employes who deal with sub-zero service problems and to acquaint new men with the various "stoppage" conditions to be found in parts of the gas system on extremely cold days, and show how they can be alleviated.

Each school is equipped with a large wooden panel, mounted on rollers, which duplicates the piping layout to be found in the various homes. The instructor lectures on the fundamentals of trouble shooting, and then allows the men to test themselves with assignments on the panel. They are graded for their work as in any other school.

Covers Numerous Subjects

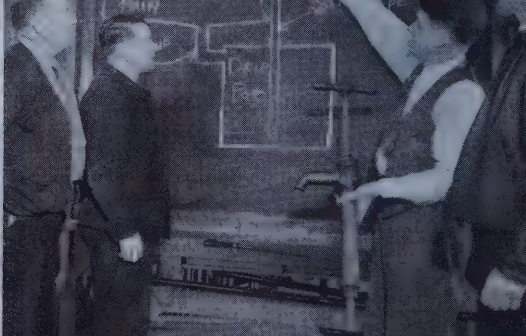
Among the points covered in the school are: the location of drip pots, where water in the system collects to be later pumped out in case of stoppage; the accepted method of eliminating frost from pipes; removing rust from the system; checking the piping for kinked connections or obstructions; checking the gas cocks to discover if they are full on; and the proper adjustment of appliances. The men are also taught the proper use of the tools and implements carried in the gas man's repair kit, as well as such special equipment as the vacuum tank and the pressure blower (shown in the photographs above).

The classes were opened about January 15, and continued, except for interruptions due to cold weather when the men were required on the street, until February 5. The average class accommodated about seven men at a time. Instructors in the schools were: Arthur H. Slinn, South District, John Hanson, Central District, and Arnold Menet, North District.

The class observes the two meters connected to the panel, and learns to identify a meter which might not be operating properly during extremely cold weather. At the meter connections are John Podarski, and Frank Kanney.

Arthur Slinn, South District Instructor, is giving his class some pointers on service connections. In his class, left to right, are: Russell Dawson, Luke O'Keefe, Frank Keirse, Anthony Vraniak, and Edward Tully.

Instructor John Hanson points to a typical drip pot drawing, showing where the drip pump is connected. In his other hand he holds the pump used to remove the collected water. The group consists of Frank Kanney, Frank Zonca, John Hanson, and James Smith.



1500 BRAVE SNOW TO ATTEND CLUB INAUGURAL

MORE THAN fifteen hundred employes and guests slushed their way to Orchestra Hall through a heavy snowfall on January 18 to attend the Gas Club's first 1943 event—the inaugural party.

Last year's Club President, Wilton Brown, started things off with a resumé of 1942's events, scattering thanks here and there for the help and cooperation he received. After the new officers had been introduced and installed, M. J. Lambke, 1943 President, urged employe cooperation with the Club's program, requesting that they save at least one gasoline coupon in their ration books for a Club event.

George F. Mitchell, President of the Company, read a message from George A. Ranney, Chairman, who was unable to appear as speaker of the evening. Mr. Ranney's message congratulated the out-going officers and wished good luck to the newly elected Club officials.

Mr. Mitchell then expressed his congratulations to the new and retiring officers and said: "The management has a keen appreciation of what the Club does to carry into the hours away from work, the spirit which animates us when we are on the job."

During his talk to the employe-audience, Mr. Mitchell referred to the importance of gas service to the war effort, both on the civilian and war production front, and mentioned the wartime conditions under which the Company is now operating, saying: "The state of war is not only reflected in its effect upon our manpower, but also upon numerous of the Company's activities. With the purpose that has necessitated all of these regulations and restrictions, the Company is in full sympathy.

"In these strenuous days our thoughts and efforts should be devoted to winning the war and bringing about victory in the shortest possible time. Our armed forces must be amply supplied with planes, tanks, ships, shells, and munitions of all kinds, as well as food, clothing, and shelter. All of this costs money, and every one of us should purchase War Bonds and Stamps until it hurts, and then buy some more."

At the close of Mr. Mitchell's remarks, he gave tribute to the Peoples Gas employes in the armed forces. He said: "More than 550 of our employes are in the service, fighting for those principles which guarantee to each of us life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They have dedicated the necessary years of their lives to reaffirming and reestablishing those principles. We, in turn, should dedicate our lives to aiding them in every possible way. No sacrifice that any of us can make at home will equal the sacrifice made by many of these boys. We are proud of them, let us make them proud of us."

Prizes were distributed to the winners of the 1942 Suggestion and Safety contests and a gala vaudeville show climaxed the evening.

In the top photo, E. S. Beaumont, Supervisor of Safety (center), is pictured with the representatives of the winning departments in the Annual Safety Contest. Left to right, are: J. F. Linehan, Superintendent South District; Leo G. Ranta, General Superintendent, Chicago District Pipeline Company; S. J. Modzikowski, Chemical Testing Engineer, Research and Testing; John Johnsen, Superintendent, South Station; Charles R. Locke, Superintendent Coke Plant, Crawford Station; James F. Collins, Manager, Peoples Gas Building; and E. B. McMahon, Assistant Superintendent, Meter Reading department.

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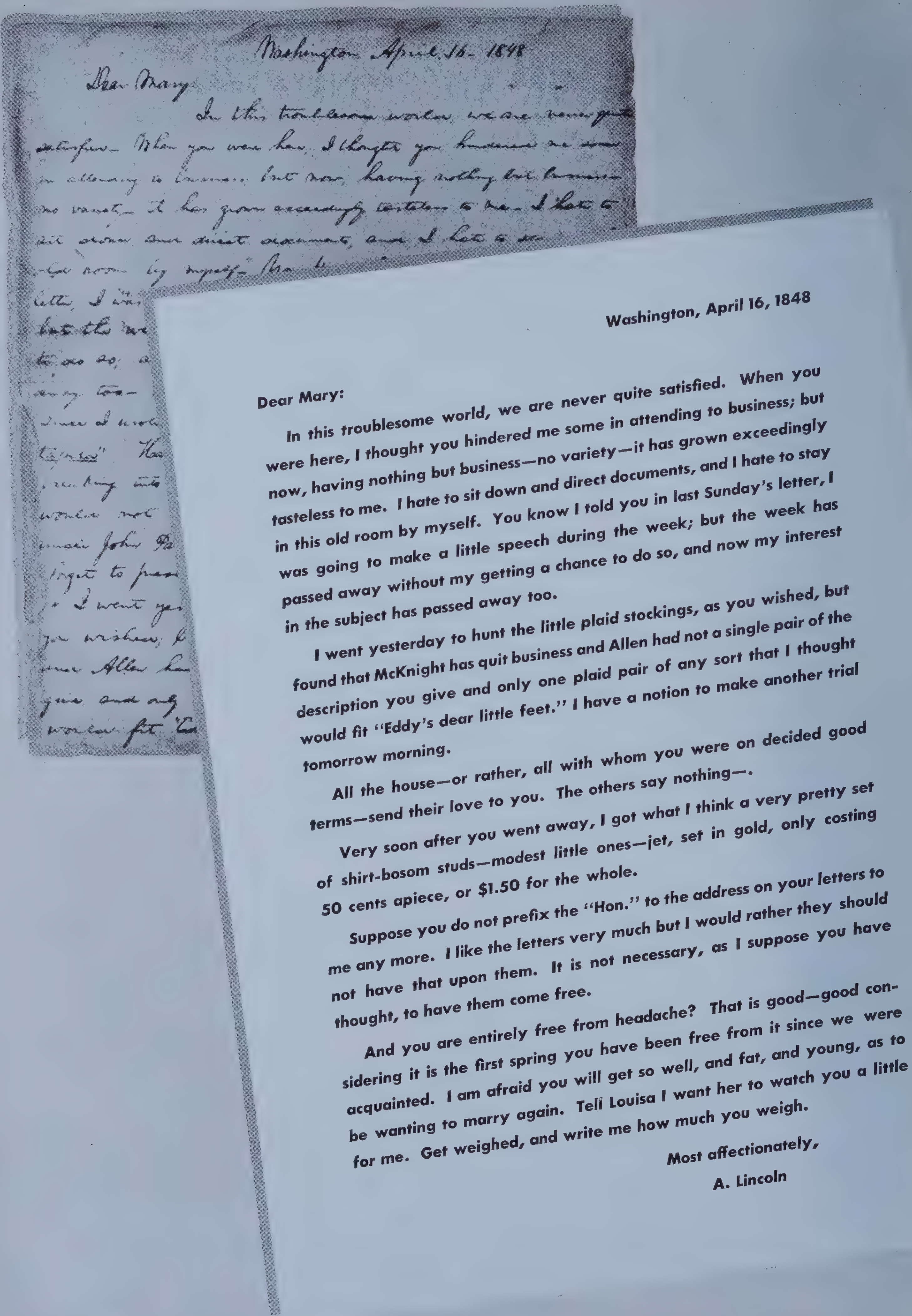
Oval, above, Wilton Brown (at rostrum) during the introduction of the 1943 Club officers. They are, left to right: R. J. Cahill, Vice President; M. J. Lambke, President; Jeanne Day, Assistant Secretary; and at extreme right, James Snyder, Treasurer. Dorothy Rees, Secretary, was unable to attend.



Washington, April 16, 1848

Dear Mary:

In this troublesome world, we are never quite satisfied. When you were here, I thought you hindered me some in attending to business; but now, having nothing but business—no variety—it has grown exceedingly tasteless to me. I hate to sit down and direct documents, and I hate to stay in this old room by myself. You know I told you in last Sunday's letter, I was going to make a little speech during the week; but the week has passed away without my getting a chance to do so, and now my interest in the subject has passed away too.

I went yesterday to hunt the little plaid stockings, as you wished, but found that McKnight has quit business and Allen had not a single pair of the description you give and only one plaid pair of any sort that I thought would fit "Eddy's dear little feet." I have a notion to make another trial tomorrow morning.

All the house—or rather, all with whom you were on decided good terms—send their love to you. The others say nothing—.

Very soon after you went away, I got what I think a very pretty set of shirt-bosom studs—modest little ones—jet, set in gold, only costing 50 cents apiece, or $1.50 for the whole.

Suppose you do not prefix the "Hon." to the address on your letters to me any more. I like the letters very much but I would rather they should not have that upon them. It is not necessary, as I suppose you have thought, to have them come free.

And you are entirely free from headache? That is good—good considering it is the first spring you have been free from it since we were acquainted. I am afraid you will get so well, and fat, and young, as to be wanting to marry again. Tell Louisa I want her to watch you a little for me. Get weighed, and write me how much you weigh.

Most affectionately,

A. Lincoln

Most affectionately, A. Lincoln

LINCOLN—the symbol of democracy; the homely example of an honest, sincere, hard-working man who made his way from poverty to the Presidency. Through the years students and historians have followed his career as a beacon light of history. They have painstakingly searched for every word he wrote, every story he told—and each recurring anniversary of his birth has added to the immortality of the fame he never knew or sought.

Every American knows the Lincoln story—the Lincoln characteristics. His clear knowledge of the right and his faith that the right must finally triumph; his consideration and love for all people, in all walks of life; his humor; his patience; his honesty which prohibited all sophistication; his justice which made friends of enemies; his "universal wisdom" which made him the greatest figure of his time and makes his utterances as vital today as they were then.

ON the opposite page is reproduced a letter, never before published, which was written by Lincoln to his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. GAS NEWS is greatly indebted to Mr. Oliver R. Barrett, a collector of Lincolniana, for the use of this document.

Mr. Barrett describes the letter as one which Lincoln wrote when he was nearly forty years of age and at about the end of his term in Congress. He had made no success there. In fact, his speech on the Mexican war had caused him to make enemies, and he failed to get the renomination for a second term. He was going back to Springfield to take up his law practice, with the feeling that he had proved a failure.

April 16, 1848—a warm, sultry night in Washington, D.C.—Lincoln returned to Mrs. Sprigg's boarding house after a discouraging day at Congress. He may have stopped in the parlor to talk with the guests who were gathered there. And then he went up to his room, probably on the third floor back, whittled his turkey quill to a pen point, and sat down to write this homely letter.

A month before he was assassinated, Lincoln said, "With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations." Those words, spoken seventy-eight years ago, are just as pertinent today, with the United States once again at war.

Lincoln was not a man who seemed destined for success, for a place in America's Hall of Fame. His life was marked with many failures, many disappointments. Fame came to him posthumously—a logical tribute to a truly great man.

In 1856, Lincoln came to Chicago and on Saturday evening, July 19, made a political speech at an open air meeting in Dearborn Park, at Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue. A reporter on a Democratic newspaper wrote of this speech: "To those who have heard it before, it was very dry and prosy, and with those who have not heard it, it made no impression whatever." Another reporter describing Lincoln said: "Lincoln is about six feet high, crooked legged, stoop shouldered, spare built, and anything but handsome in the face. His language is pure and respectful. He attacks no man's character or motives but fights with arguments."

Neither of the reporters considered Lincoln's oratory worthy of much comment. Certainly no one in the audience that evening foresaw that the tall, awkward speaker would one day be President of the United States.

In that same year of 1856, Lincoln summed up the results of his political endeavors, and said, in comparing himself with Stephen Douglas: "Twenty-two years ago, Judge Douglas and I first became acquainted. We were both young men—he a trifle younger than I. Even then we were both ambitious, I, probably quite as much so as he. With me, the race of ambition has been a failure—a flat failure; with him, it has been one of splendid success."

Nine years later, in 1865, President Lincoln was assassinated. But those nine years gave the United States a priceless heritage. Who could have foretold in 1856—and Lincoln least of all—how much he was to accomplish in the nine years of life left to him? Who could have guessed that a man, generally conceded to be a failure, would in the last nine years of his life achieve so much of greatness and success that today he occupies a place in the heart of every American?

"He has a face like a Hoosier Michael Angelo, so awful ugly it becomes beautiful with its strange mouth, its deep cut, criss-cross lines. . . ."—Walt Whitman

PRIORITIES RULE THE ROOST IN WARTIME BUSINESS BUYING

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a class of people known as salesmen. They had a ready smile, a firm grip, an amusing story to tell, a desire for company at luncheon in some exclusive place, and, lastly, something to sell. This genus of homo was to be found in droves, or whatever collective term is proper, in the ante rooms of purchasing agents everywhere, undaunted by the frigidity normally prevailing in such quarters. We were in a buyer's market; goods were abundant; competition was keen; the purchasing agent was the kingfish.

Once upon a time, too, the ability of a company such as ours to obtain materials needed in its business was largely dependent upon its credit rating. Something new has been added. Today the priority rating takes precedence over the credit rating, and a "directive" from the proper Washingtonian sources takes precedence over priority ratings. Dun and Bradstreet's top rating won't get us a new boiler or a "critical compressor" unless we can also provide the necessary preference rating or directive. Don't let that statement mislead you. It still takes cold cash to complete the transaction, for the evolution of the process of material acquisition has not yet progressed to the point where the authority to buy, as evidenced by a preference rating, is all-sufficient.

Essential Needs Come First

The preference ratings of industry may be likened unto our gasoline rationing coupons. Both are evidences of a right of acquisition for a specific purpose. Regardless of the number of dollars we may have available for the purchase of gasoline, we can only acquire that quantity for which we have been issued coupons. As the rationing system is further extended, dollars will lose their former prime position in the purchase of the necessary commodities of life. The ration card will be tops. Distribution of such commodities will be upon a per capita basis and not upon relative ability to buy.

Similarly, the purpose of preference ratings in industry is to provide some reasonable assurance that critical raw materials, or materials fabricated from them, are properly distributed among those whose needs are most essential in relation to our war effort, and to prevent their use in non-essential undertakings. The ratings are assigned by the War Production Board, either by general preference rating orders applicable to specific industries or to specific uses of the material in question, or by appropriate application to the Board.

Preference Ratings Change

Preference Rating Order No. P-46 is the general preference rating order under which gas, electric, water, central steam heating, and public sanitation utilities are authorized to apply certain ratings in the acquisition of essential material for maintenance, repairs, and for operating supplies. When that order was originally issued, the utilities were granted the use of an A-10 rating. Higher ratings were then in effect for those industries engaged in direct war production. As more and more of the industrial plants of the country were converted to direct war production and less and less materials were available for civilian production, it became necessary from time to time to recast the priority rating system to effect a proper balance between supply and the various degrees of essential use. An A-10 finally came to be of as much value as a Confederate dollar in the purchase of certain metals or materials manufactured therefrom. Consequently, the ratings under P-46 have been progressively improved, but even so, there are times when application must be made to Washington for higher ratings to enable us to purchase specific items.

Because it has been deemed necessary to curtail substantially, or to cease entirely, the manufacture of many items of equipment, the War Production Board has taken complete control of the distribution thereof. Office machinery, such as duplicators, accounting machines, tabulating equipment (such as is used in the preparation of our gas bills), is a good example. No one may acquire such items now without specific approval of the Board on a duly rated certificate. Certain other materials, of which there is a limited supply available from month to month, are allocated by the Board on the basis of essential use.

Says Vice President E. I. BJORK

WAR is a luxury that no nation can afford. Like a monstrous leech, it deprives us of resources that should be devoted to more fruitful pursuits. But sometimes in the effort to preserve those resources for such purposes, war is inescapable. In such times, it becomes necessary to impose new and severe regulations and restrictions upon individuals and business enterprises.

"Priorities Rule the Roost in Wartime Business Buying," is the first of a series of articles pertaining to wartime restrictions on our business. We hope that the readers of GAS NEWS will find it and its successor articles of real interest.

ESKIL I. BJORK
Vice President In Charge of
Budget, Purchasing and Stores

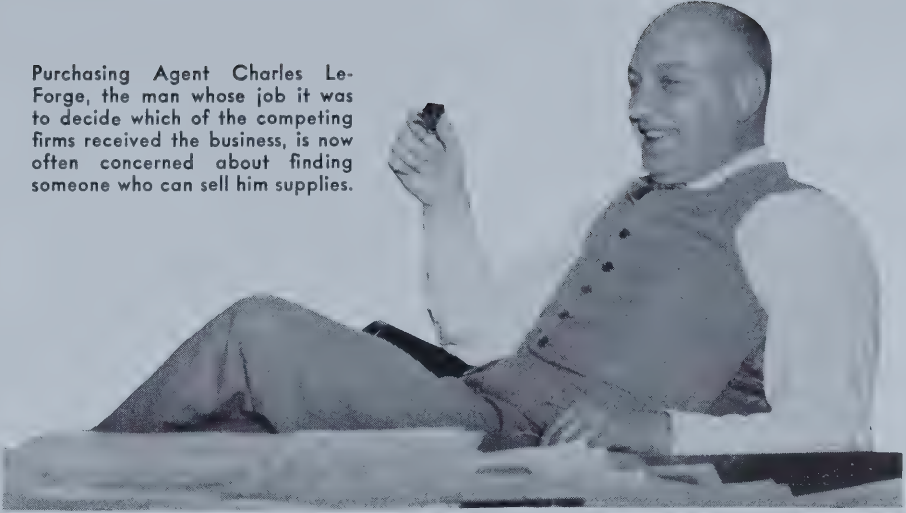
Not even the highest preference rating will permit the acquisition of automobiles and tires. They are obtainable only if the local rationing board approves the Purchasing department's application therefor. Some items are still available without priority assistance, but they may be generally classified as those which do not require critical materials (particularly metals, rubber, etc.) in their manufacture. Paper and paper products, pencils, ink, some products made of wood, coal, some chemicals, and laboratory supplies made of glass are in this category.

Except in minor instances, the Company is not permitted to use the preference ratings authorized by P-46 to obtain materials needed for the extension of its mains and services to serve new customers, nor to construct additions to its plants. Before any such construction may be started, application must be made to, and approval received from, the War Production Board, which, in its letter of approval, will grant a specific rating to the project. Such rating is then applied by the Purchasing department to the orders for those items of material needed for the project which cannot be supplied from the Company's inventory.

But if we are to buy a part for the maintenance of a customer's gas appliance, then we must look to preference Rating Order P-84 for the appropriate rating, unless it is a part for one of the several commercial gas refrigeration installations in the city. In that case we look to P-126. Thus it becomes at once apparent that the Purchasing department must know something about the use to which the material is to be put if it is to perform its proper functions under the regulations pertaining to purchases.

Priorities do rule the roost in wartime buying, but without regulations and restrictions on the acquisition and use of material, victory could not soon be ours. So, with these restrictions, as with all others that are essential in the attainment of victory, the Company is in full sympathy.

So much for priorities, the key to the nation's storehouses, the force that sets the nation's wheels a-humming. What does our Purchasing department buy? A broad answer would be that it buys all things that the other departments of the Company requisition, with the approval of an Officer of the Company. More specifically, it buys the supplies, desks, chairs, floor covering, and other equipment that our office workers use in their daily work; the pipe and fittings, motor fuels, tools, machines, repair parts, and miscellaneous supplies used by our distribution system maintenance and construction personnel; the coal, oil, chemicals, purification materials, laboratory equipment and supplies, machines and parts, lubricating oils and greases, and other supplies needed at our gas production plants or in our laboratories; the appliances and appliance parts which our sales organization offer to the public, and the material required to appropriately display these wares in our windows and our various offices; the building maintenance and construction materials, paints, soaps, mops, brooms, and vacuum cleaners necessary to keep our offices and plants in good condition; the services of other establishments in cleaning and pressing uniforms, exterminating insects, providing automotive equipment on a rental basis, providing towel and similar services. The items run into the thousands. That's quite an assignment for a Purchasing department force of only eight people.



Purchasing Agent Charles LeForge, the man whose job it was to decide which of the competing firms received the business, is now often concerned about finding someone who can sell him supplies.

Purchases Below Normal

Expressed in dollars, the Company's purchases during the past year have been well below those of a normal year due to governmental restrictions and to the management's foresight in having accumulated, well in advance of the declaration of war, a fairly substantial inventory of the items that are in frequent demand.

Wartime conditions, however, have materially increased the work of the Department. Special records are required to be kept of deliveries of materials and of transactions involving priority assistance. Regulations must be studied to determine the specific requirements applicable in a given instance. Departments ordering materials must be contacted to ascertain if substitutes for critical materials will not serve their purpose or if their immediate requirements would not be served with lesser quantities. All purchase orders on which a preference rating is extended, must bear a certification by the Purchasing Agent. In addition, purchase orders for certain items of material must show the use to which the items are to be put, or must bear a certification that the items will be placed into use within a specified period. For, in the period of scarcity, control of inventories is as essential as control of acquisition, and control of inventories is an integral part of all of the preference rating, limitation, or conservation orders issued by the War Production Board.

More time must now be spent in finding a supplier for the desired materials. Salesmen are not such frequent visitors. In many cases, their plants are fully engaged in direct war production work. It is not strange, therefore, that the difficulties of wartime buying have thawed out the average purchasing agent, once described by Elbert Hubbard as "a human petrification with a heart of feldspar." Now he is the man with the big smile, the firm grip, the amusing story and the invitation to lunch. The effect of wartime conditions is indeed far-reaching.

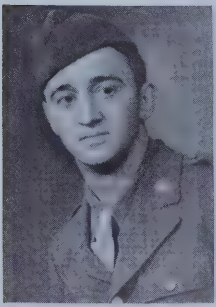
Letters

FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Pvt. John Dolan
c/o postmaster
New York, N. Y.

I am still situated somewhere in northern Africa where the climate reminds you of Florida. There is plenty of fruit and wine available in these parts.

Say hello to everyone for me. I hope you can recognize the picture which accompanies this letter.



Pvt. John Dolan

Pvt. Peter McGuigan
Co. A 5th Q.M.T.R.
Fort Warren, Wyoming

A line from Fort Warren to let you know I'm getting along swell with the quartermaster regiment. Just finished my basic along with Gerald O'Brien from North Shop.

William Fefes, former Meter Reader, now a Flying Cadet with the Army Air Corps stationed at Santa Ana, California.

George Cheshire S2/c
U.S.S. Baltimore Detail Div. 6
U. S. N. Receiving Station
495 Summer St.
Boston, Mass.

On Christmas day I was in New York visiting some friends. Had a good turkey dinner, and enjoyed a perfect afternoon. In the evening I headed for the Stage Door Canteen and had a marvelous time there. At about 10:00 p.m. I had another turkey dinner, and caught a late train back to Philly. Had about an hour of sleep and then got up, made my bunk, slipped into my dungarees, and crawled under my bunk where I slept until about 10:00 this morning. I've learned to sleep anywhere, anytime, and under all conditions.

I was quite surprised when I walked out of the Pennsylvania station in New York. No overhead lights are allowed, the autos have the upper half of their headlights painted black, and altogether it is indeed a dark town.

Pvt. Anthony B. Young
Co. B 603rd Eng.
Camouflage Bn.
Fort Meade, Md.

I have just completed my basic training here and am now helping to train the new recruits. The basic period lasted three weeks, or rather it was to have lasted for only three weeks, but was broken up by a bivouac and the rifle range season—thus spreading the time element out to five and one-half weeks. During that time I had so much training shot at me I didn't know whether I was coming or going. I learned to drill, do the manual of arms, throw grenades, pitch tents, fire a rifle, and a thousand and one other things including scouting and patrolling, building bridges, laying barbed wire, and similar engineering problems. After this I had a week of camouflage school.

The gang here is swell, consisting mainly of artists, but I've also found some ship builders, horticulturists, and construction engineers. As a whole, everything is fine and plenty busy.

Lt. (j.g.) Stanley F. Eaton

STANLEY F. EATON, Placement Supervisor for Men, Employment Section, left the Company on February 12, to become Lieutenant Junior Grade in the United States Navy.

Just what his duties will be in the Navy had not been ascertained up to the time he left, but he is receiving his indoctrination at Fort Schuyler, in the Bronx, New York, sometime after reporting there for service on February 15.

Ensign T. B. Petty, U.S.N.R.
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Another lad and I have an apartment in Palo Alto, which is a neat little town conveniently near Stanford, although not what my boys term a good liberty town—no bars. Frisco is within easy reach, however, and is about the only town I've found, except Washington, which can compare with Chi for an all around good time.

The routine of Moffett Field has been broken at several opportune times by the C.O. sending groups of us off to near-by places for special training. The latest of these was a trip to an Army air field for two weeks, which has been about the best to date. We all had a very good time up there.

St. Pat's Dinner Dance Scheduled For March

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, will be celebrated in the Company with a dance, sponsored by the Gas Club, and staged in the Home Service auditorium.

The evening's fun will start at 5:45 p.m. when dinner will be served in Room 1039. There will be square dancing on the main floor and, at 7:00 p.m., dancing will begin in the auditorium.

Present plans include a home talent show which, it is rumored, will include many new discoveries in the entertainment field.

Working on the premise that the best things in life are free, the Gas Club announces that there will be no charge for this Company event. Reserve the evening of March 17; make your plans now to attend the St. Patrick's dance.

Voting Divisions of Club To Be Changed

Early in January, at a regular meeting of the Peoples Gas Club Executive Committee, Harry F. Foley, Personnel, was given authorization to form a group to investigate changes in the voting divisions of the Club. This action was taken for the purpose of dividing the whole Company personnel into the six Club voting divisions in such a manner as to have an equal number of employes in each.

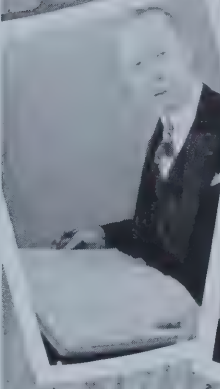
The members of the Club Executive Committee are elected by the voting divisions to represent them at meetings where the social and recreational activities for employes are planned. Each elected member serves for two years, the odd and even numbered voting divisions alternating in the election of their representatives.

Join the Sleigh Ride Party Saturday, February 20

A rare good time is promised for the evening of Saturday, February 20, when the Gas Club holds its old fashioned sleigh ride party. The sleighs will leave the Elston Riding Stables at 6:30 p.m., drive to an inn for refreshments and dancing, and return at 11:30. Tickets are 25 cents each and can be purchased from James Snyder, Window 12. Main floor.

Candidly Yours

the 1943 Gas Club Chairmen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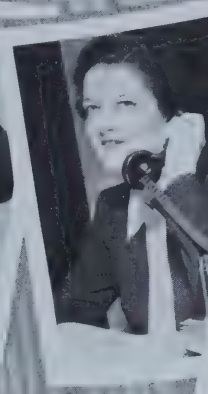
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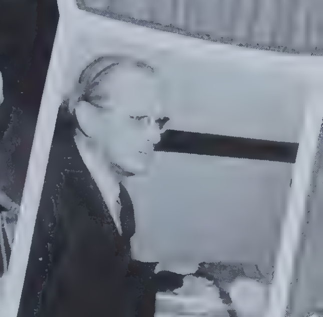
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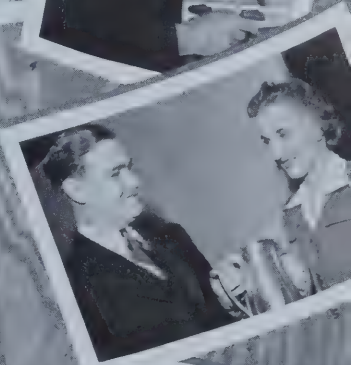
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1. Arvid Lund, Auditing
2. William Helme, Winter Sports
3. Louise Peters, Girls' Party
4. William Schueler, Garden Show
5. John Solon and Florence Lees, Golf
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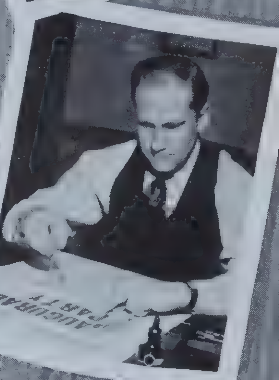
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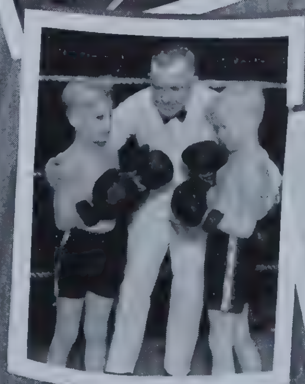
7. Walter Baumann, Chess
8. Bernard Cooney, Reception Committee
9. George Laurence, Billiards
10. Thomas Moore, Boxing
11. Edward Dillon (not pictured) and Ruth Jaffke, Bowling
12. Stanley Modzikowski, Entertainment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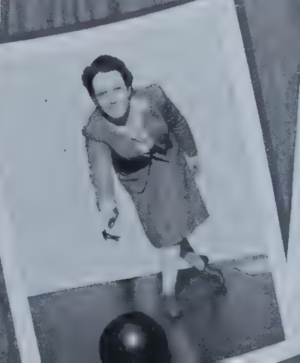
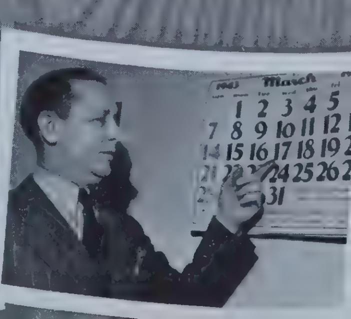




CONSERVING CAR AND TRUCK TIRE MILEAGE

Company's New Tire Inspectors Are Doctors of Wear and Tear

The tires on the above truck are getting a thorough checking by John T. Sorfleet (left), and Henry Schabes, South Garage Tire Inspectors.

Ed Hickstein, Transportation department, Central District, is using a heavy duty tire spreader to gain a full view of the casing interior.

EVERY car owner is familiar with the necessity for war transportation conservation, and has felt the effects of gasoline rationing, periodic tire inspections, and reduced traveling speed. Those who do not own cars have undoubtedly noticed the secondary effects of rubber tire saving as shown in the crowded public transportation systems. Public utilities and other corporations operating automotive fleets in the performance of important service to the public and war industries, have also reduced their total mileage, and are operating under the regulations of the Office of Defense Transportation, so that the vehicles and their tires will be conserved for only essential use.

The Gas Company is considered an essential war industry, and all of the Gas Company's trucks have been qualified for certain specified use considered essential to the maintenance of civilian services and have been granted authority to operate under a Certificate of War Necessity. Each truck and car is required to carry at all times its proper Certificate of War Necessity.

The rationing of tires and gasoline, under the regulations of the Office of Defense Transportation and the Office of Price Administration, brings all of the Gas Company's passenger cars, trucks, and industrial equipment under very strict rules as to the maximum number of miles which may be traveled and the total quantities of gasoline used.

Under these regulations, the Company's motorized equipment is divided into four general divisions: commercial trucks, tank trucks, passenger cars, and industrial equipment. The commercial truck and the passenger car divisions are further subdivided into classes for proper control. Each class is assigned a certain mileage quota and gasoline quota, both representing substantial reductions over former use. Records are checked monthly against the quota assignments so that operations will conform to the regulations.

The regulations require that speeds be held to 35 miles per hour or less; violation of this rule is sufficient reason for revoking the further use of such equipment. The Company's gasoline ration is in the form of Bulk Coupons (C rating for passenger cars, T rating for trucks), which requires that passenger car tires must be inspected every 3 months, and truck tires every 60 days or every 5,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

In order to help the government with the inspection of tires, the Company applied for permission to open its own authorized tire inspection stations. The permission was granted, and the stations were given the title, Fleet Inspection Stations number C-1596.

The gas Company Inspection Stations and Tire Inspectors are as follows:

Station at 1250 S. Kilbourn Avenue
- William O. Schmid, General District Garage Foreman
- E. J. Waldron, Assistant District Garage Foreman
- Edward Hickstein, Mechanic

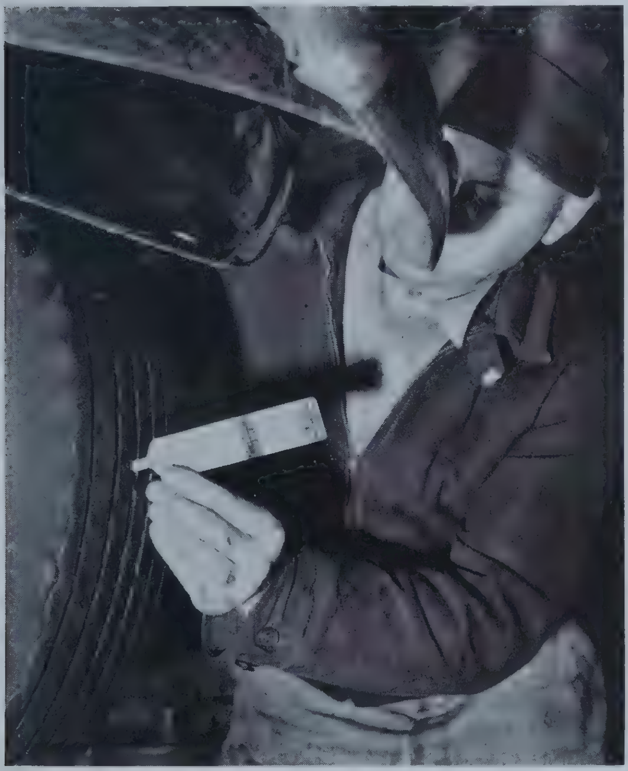
Station at 4643 W. Irving Park Road
- Paul Engel, Assistant District Garage Foreman
- George Bambula, Mechanic

Station at 46 W. 64th Street
- John T. Sorfleet, Assistant District Garage Foreman
- Henry Schabes, Mechanic

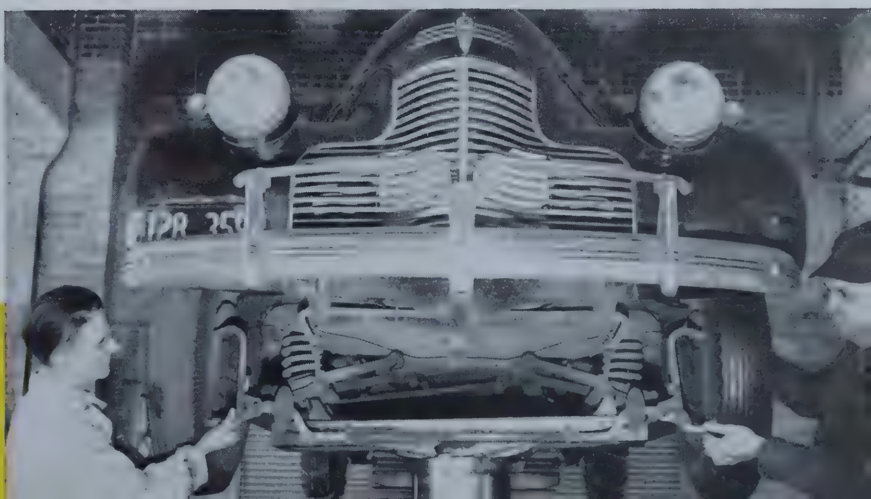
The appointment as a Fleet Tire Inspection Station permits the Gas Company's Tire Inspectors to make the periodic inspections only of the Gas Company's own equipment and that of its subsidiary, the Chicago District Pipeline Company, as required by the New Mileage Rationing Regulations. However, the appointment does not permit the Tire Inspectors to certify for recapping services or tire replacement. This type of inspection must be made by presenting our equipment to one of the Authorized O.P.A. Passenger or Truck Inspection Stations.

Our Company, complying with these regulations, is doing its part to "Save The Wheels That Serve America."

At right, Edward Waldron, Tire Inspector at Central District Garage, is checking the "play" in a truck kingpin, a factor in tire wear.



Above, William O. Schmid, Tire Inspector at Central District Garage, inspects the degree of tire wear on a casing with a simple rubber depth gauge.



Wheel alignment must be correct for long tire life, according to Messrs. Waldron and Schmid. They are shown using the alignment testing device.

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

A Decorative Idea

Freshening up the house, giving it new tone with a different touch of color, or doing over an old piece of furniture, are absorbing thoughts with most of us at this time of year. Probably an occasional spring-like day is the reason. Along these lines we offer you the following idea seen recently, which brought sparkle to the room in which it appeared: A large, square coffee table in blonde wood with a map of the world set in the surface under glass. Originally the table was dark mahogany with a plain glass surface. Sandpaper, elbow work, wax, and a colorful map produced the effect.

Baby Department

The baby in your house will look more adorable than ever in the downy sacque, cap, and booties set pictured here. Besides being pretty, it is practical and will launder like a flash. And best of all you can crochet it yourself. A soft, fluffy, baby wool yarn is suggested for making it. This infant ensemble would also make an excellent gift for the most exacting layette. You may have the sheet of directions for this, as well as an instruction sheet for two cunning "small fry" sweaters (not shown) by calling at the NEWS office, Room 1620.

This Smells of Victorianism

Powder sachet, a cosmetic more popular in another era, is coming into favor again, due probably to the shortage of alcohol for cològne. Some beauty experts say that it is quite effective used as a perfume on wrists, elbows, or throats. In tablet form it lends a delightful fragrance to articles of wearing apparel in dresser drawers or sewed in coat hangers in closets.

Noon Hour Movies

The Chicago Public Library announces a series of moving pictures released by the Office of War Information. They will be shown in the G. A. R. Hall of the Main Library from 12:15 to 12:45 every Friday—admission free. The subject matter of the films is varied and ranges from dramatic pictures of our natural and industrial resources in action, to accounts of the heroic fighting of our men and allies. The first program, on February 5, includes: LAKE CARRIER, a one reel film showing the part played by lake freighters on the inland waterways, carrying their all-important loads of iron ore to the steel mills of the midwest industrial cities.

Rationalizing

IT HARDLY SEEMS POSSIBLE that there could be a constructive side to war. But without too great a stretch of the imagination, the problem of food and its utilization can become just that. Ration books I and II will see to it—thinking will replace the can opener; plan buying will replace blind squandering.

It stands to reason that if our country's objective of sending one-fourth of our total food production overseas in 1943 is realized, some pretty stiff organizing must be done at home—all waste must be abolished. Many of us feel—"A nice job for the government," —but we don't stop to think that we are the government, and it's up to every last one of us to make rationing and every other aspect of mobilization for victory successful.

You have found War Ration Book I comparatively simple. War Ration Book II is a little more complex but is still no cause for a case of "the jitters." It is only a matter of becoming informed on the subject and applying common sense from every day life.

You have at least two weeks in which to prepare yourself for canned and processed foods will not be rationed until March 1—meat even later.

A few points that seem to ease the complexity of the situation are as follows:

(1.) Home canned foods need not be declared.
(2.) Five cans of processed food per person need not be declared; all cans over the five quota must be, however, and one No. 8 coupon will be charged for each—so hoarding does not pay.
(3.) Above all, treat it as a business proposition, budget your stamps as you do your money. It's the same principle exactly.

In this world of machines we've come to rely on cans too much. Once again, we'll have to go back more directly to Mother Nature—using as much of her raw foodstuffs in season as possible. You'll find a variety of fruits and vegetables at your corner grocery. Plan your menus around the plentiful supplies of oranges, grapefruits, apples, beets, endive, sweet potatoes, broccoli, brussels sprouts, and the many other foods available.

Go a little further in your wartime planning and include a Victory Garden for the coming Spring. It will not only supply you and your family throughout the summer but the winter as well, providing you grow a supply large enough for plenty of canning. The absence of many cans on the grocer's shelf will be a cue for housewives to can their own.

Customers Pledge Help In Gas Conservation

During the latter part of November, George F. Mitchell, President of the Company, mailed a letter to 32,000 heating customers asking them to cooperate with the War Production Board in conserving gas, a vital war fuel. Enclosed in the letter was a pledge card which the customer was urged to sign, indicating that he would voluntarily conserve gas for the duration in the heating of his premises.

The response to this letter has been excellent. Gas Company customers indicate that they are wholeheartedly behind any effort to conserve gas fuel. Replies are still coming in; to date, 19,000 pledge cards have been signed and returned.

Many customers have replied by letter. "You have our sincere cooperation," writes one. "Less gas—more bonds," is the slogan of another customer. "Your request is patriotic and all will be done to conserve gas in our home." "We are glad to cooperate with you for Victory." "We're with you 100 per cent." These comments are representative of the response to Mr. Mitchell's letter.

One man wrote that the letter was read by all the members of his family and immediate steps were taken to reduce the amount of gas used. Insulating the house, reducing heat to a minimum at night, installing storm sash, heating only the most lived-in rooms, using the fireplace—these methods of conserving gas were reported by many customers. One man wrote, "We'll save gas by using common sense and good household engineering."

Such sincere cooperation with the gas conservation campaign is certainly indicative of the will to win on the home front. The Gas Company takes off its hat to these patriotic citizens.

A scene at the O.C.D. meeting held in the Home Service auditorium January 27. Consumer chairmen, representing all the Chicago divisions, assembled to learn how the point rationing system works. A grocery store was set up and the use of the ration book was demonstrated.

Mary Lou McGowan, Tabulating Section, files a few of the thousands of pledge cards received from Gas Company customers who are anxious to cooperate in saving gas.

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Gas Post Drive For Old Radios Will Continue Until March 1

Many employes have contributed generously to the Gas Post American Legion drive for old radios and parts for the U. S. Signal Corps, according to the Gas Legionnaires. Christ Glockler, Elevators, tops the list with five radios, which will be eagerly accepted by the soldiers in training.

The radios received so far represent all years, makes, and models, from cracker box size to full console types. "While the showing so far has been good," says Post Commander Modzikoswki, "we believe that many employes have not yet searched their basement and attic for these worn-out dust collectors." If the sets are too bulky to carry to the office or shop, gas men and women are urged to notify the Post radio chairman in their department, so that arrangements can be made to have them picked up.

The radios will be accepted whether or not they are in good working order. Miscellaneous radio parts are also wanted.

THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT & COKE CO

Here's one of the loads of radios contributed by Company employes for the U.S. Signal Corps. Charles Thome and George Peake help with the unloading at the warehouse.

Refining Plant Employe Dies January 20

Adolph Des Jarlais, a loader at the Refining Plant, died during the evening of January 20. At the time of going to press, the exact cause of his death had not been determined. He was found lying on the ground east of the loading platform by one of the plant guards. Application of artificial respiration and use of an inhalator failed to revive him.

Mr. Des Jarlais had been with the Company seven years and eight months. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 23.

Forum Presents Navy Films At Meeting February 23

The Employe Forum will present on Tuesday, February 23, actual combat pictures of the "Battle of Midway" and the "U. S. Carrier Fights Back."

On the second half of the program the Tax Administration department, under the direction of Henry Ziethen, will explain some of the problems confronting JOHN DOE in his efforts to determine his income tax account with Uncle Sam. The meeting will be held in the Main Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. and will be preceded by the usual Forum supper at 5:30.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

"Count Your Books and Give the Books That Count." . . . Increasing millions of our fighting men, wherever they may be, will benefit from the second drive for books for the men in Service. The 1943 Victory Book Campaign is not intended to empty your attic of old discarded books—the final test of what the fighting man will enjoy is "Any book you really want to keep is a good one to give." Remember, the fighting man of today is still your neighbor of yesterday and tomorrow. He likes to read the same books that every American, man or woman, likes to read. He will welcome current best sellers and the more recently published (1930 to date) popular fiction and non-fiction; adventure and western, detective and mystery fiction; technical books published since 1935; humorous books, books of jokes, anecdotes, cartoons, and group games; and small-sized editions of popular titles. The Victory Book Campaign is sponsored by the American Library Association, American Red Cross, and the U.S.O., with every library in the United States cooperating to secure the books. The dates—January 5 to March 5. Your Company Library will be your collection agency, and did you ever stop to think what a wonderful contribution we would make if every employe donated JUST ONE BOOK? Don't just THINK about it, DOOED it!

The first volume of the Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, Population, has been received. This volume presents the number of inhabitants for states, counties, townships, etc., with separate figures for cities and other incorporated places, for wards of cities of 5,000 or more, and for metropolitan districts and census tracts. The tables thus brought together give the 1940 population of all geographic areas and subdivisions for which official figures are available. Did you know that the 1940 center of population of the United States is two miles southeast by east of Carlisle, Sullivan County, Indiana?

"Safety Helps Win Victory" Slogan of 1943 Safety Contest

WITH A WAR-CURRENT SLOGAN, "Safety Helps Win Victory," announcing its theme, the 1943 Safety contest began at 12:01 a.m., January 1. In order to win prizes in this contest, competitors must beat previous Safety records in their group.

An accident frequency percentage, on the basis of the past three years' experience, has been computed for each department. This indicates the average number of lost-time injuries per 100 employes, per year. The departments have been grouped into five divisions (as shown in the accompanying table) and a group average given each. This was determined by averaging the ratings of the various departments in each group.

Department	Group Average	Prize
GROUP I		
Research and Testing	2.19	$ 50
Credit and Collection		75
Chicago Dist. Pipeline		50
Transportation		50
Peoples Gas Building		85
GROUP II		
Stores Department	3.93	$ 50
North Station		50
South Station		50
Meter Repair		55
22nd St. Station		50
GROUP III		
South District	6.47	$200
North District		200
Central District		200
GROUP IV		
Warehouse Building	8.30	$ 50
Calumet		50
Division Station		50
Chicago By-Prods. Corp.		50
GROUP V		
Crawford	12.17	$150
110th St. Station		50
Meter Reading		90

The five winners will be those departments which show the greatest improvement in comparison with their group averages, and also those which beat their departmental averages. Prizes are computed on the number of employes involved, with a minimum award of $50 being given.

Monthly standings will be posted so that participants can keep informed of the contest's progress. An employe can figure his department's average at any time by using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Number of injuries X 100}}{\text{Number of employes}}$$

Every month an "Eight Ball" insignia will be awarded to the five departments with the worst Safety record. This negative award will reduce a department's chances of winning. So "Keep in front of the Eight Ball" would be a good slogan for the contest, says E. S. Beaumont, Safety Director.

Elevator Men Out-Bowl Personnel Girls

FEVER-PITCH EXCITEMENT marked the annual bowling contest between the Personnel girls' team and the Elevator men, held this year on January 22. The girls went into the battle with the firm belief that since they had beaten the men last year they could do it again. The men's war chant was that they would even the score this time.

It was a closely-fought contest, enlivened by an excited cheering section. When the final score was totalled, the men discovered that they were the winners by fifty-eight points.

They Left for Service During January

Balke, Joseph F.
Barry, Lawrence John
Beinecke, Daniel R.
Benham, Francis J.
Boyko, Walter
Burk, Joseph Jr.
Cromwell, Robert E.
Dunston, John R.
Fagan, Edward L.
Glynn, William D.
Horlick, Lois E.
Kapuscinski, Casimir
Lollis, T. E.
Moriarty, Joseph P.
Mueller, Walter
Nolan, Edward
Nowak, Helen A.
O'Brien, E. J.
O'Meara, James Jr.
Person, Halvar M.
Sanders, Robert
Schnackenberg, W. E.
Schraeder, William
Stieb, Fred R.
Silk, Theodore R.
Sullivan, Francis J.
Todd, Harold R. Jr.
Voorn, Jacob C.
Weckler, Wallace J.
Zudycki, Bruno

Service Anniversaries

40 YEARS

BURKHARDT, WILLIAM—Customer Acct'g.

35 YEARS

SCHMITZ, MICHAEL—110th St. Station.
MINER, ALBERT SAYLES—Domestic Sales.

30 YEARS

KONITZ, WILLIAM A.—Distribution.
CARY, WILLIAM A.—Distribution.

25 YEARS

REINHOLDT, MARTIN T.—Engineering.
ROZANSKI, VICTOR A.—Commercial Sales.
RYAN, WILLIAM J.—Distribution.
THELANER, BERTHA A.—Domestic Sales.

It must have been a strike! The performance is applauded by Dorothy Armstrong, Lois Storbeck (guest), Ruth Jaffke, Esther Hauptfleisch, Rudy Martos, Andrew White, Al Matha, and Fred Rio—participants in a recent bowling battle.

War Bonds To Be Prizes in New Suggestion Contest

Three War Bonds, one worth $100, one with a $50 price tag, and another valued at $25, will be given as prizes by the Suggestion Committee to the three employes earning the greatest number of cash awards ($5 or more) between January 1, and December 31, 1943.

When announcing the event for the Committee, Harry Foley, Suggestion Secretary, revealed that merit awards of less than $5 will not be counted as a part of the total number of winning awards in the contest. In case of a tie the decision of the Suggestion Committee will be final.

War Suggestions Vital

Every suggestion, whether it involves large things or small is gladly accepted in these days of scarcities and priorities. Every idea which can save time, materials, and money in this, a vital war fuel industry, is a direct contribution to the war effort, according to the Suggestion Committee.

Staples Have Gone to War; Supply Is Running Low

There's nothing stable about the staple situation these days. Like rubber tires, your best beau, and Lucky Strike green—Bostitch staples have gone to war.

The fine steel of which they were made now marches off the production lines as implements of war. Consequently, the manufacture of staples is one of those non-essential jobs which has been pushed temporarily to the background. There are still a few boxes of them in the Stationery section. However, the supply, if it is to last, does not permit the often-observed abandon of the inveterate staple-slinger. He's the fellow who uses ten staples where one will do. He's the playboy who puts a fringe of staples around his desk blotter. He's even been known to staple a hem in the too-long sleeves of his raincoat.

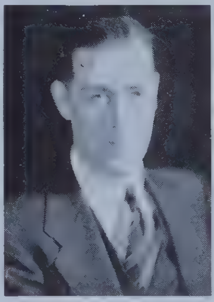
Such goings-on, in these conservation-minded times, are downright unpatriotic. So don't be reckless with the staple supply. The quantity now on hand will have to hold things together for the duration.

Promotions Announced in Treasury and Photographic Departments

Four promotions became effective February 1. In the Treasury department, Frederick J. Written became Cashier, succeeding F. Watkins Farquhar who retired after nearly forty-nine years with the Company. George M. Weber succeeds John H. Perkins who retires with a service record of forty-six years. John P. Bruen was appointed Assistant Paymaster to take the place of Mr. Weber.

A bulletin from the Research and Testing department announced that Victor H. Knitter was appointed Chief Photographer and supervisor of the Photographic department. He succeeds John Tweedie who left the Company after twenty years of service.

F. J. Written


G. M. Weber

J. P. Bruen

V. H. Knitter

WPB Order Affects Gas Appliance Buying

On December 16 the WPB amended its order in regard to the purchase of gas ranges and water heaters.

Under the new order, the customer must write directly to the WPB and state in detail all the facts relating to his need for a gas range or water heater.

Previous to this date a customer could purchase such appliances by certifying that he had no equipment available to him.

If the WPB accepts the customer's request, he will be sent form PD-423 which authorizes purchase of the desired equipment. Only if the customer presents such an authorization to the gas appliance dealer can a purchase be made.

Gas Utilities Placed in Critical Class by War Manpower Commission

The War Manpower Commission's "Work or Fight" order, which recently appeared in the daily press, has placed many a non-defense worker on the anxious seat as regards his present status.

The Commission released a list of critical occupations for electric, gas, and power utilities, on February 5, which places a gas utility in the same category as a direct defense plant. Any Company employe thus cannot better his possible draft status by seeking employment in another defense industry where he would do the same type of work. Insofar as the "Work or Fight" statement is concerned, employment by a gas utility answers the WMC requirements.

Country Club Magazine Praises Work of Shop Service Men

Orchids to the shop service men!! In an issue of the South Shore Country Club magazine appears an article, initialed "F. H.," which says, "In these times when service of all kinds has been disrupted it is indeed a great pleasure to report that the Peoples Gas Company is carrying on with the old time efficiency."

At 11:00 o'clock, one blizzard-swept evening, F. H. discovered that the gas burner of his furnace was completely dead. He called the Gas Company, half expecting a battle, but was assured that service men would arrive in half an hour. They were there in twenty minutes, and at 1:00 o'clock service had been restored, although the repair work necessitated the installation of a new meter.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Research and Testing

BY J. W. HANKO

LABORATORY CHATTER. . . . The question now is what to do with the 75 bucks our group won in the 1942 Safety contest. . . . Jimmy Gallagher is back, illuminating the lab with smiles, after being away sick for several weeks. . . . The mailman's pouch was heavily laden with the many Valentine cards Pete Kiner received from his female admirers. . . . Herb Fredrick is no longer a car owner—the junk man finally consented to take it off his hands. . . . LOST—one hernia during an operation. Finder please *do not* return it to Winthrop D. Avery. . . . Happy Birthday greetings to our chief, R. B. Harper, who is celebrating his umpty-umpt this month. . . . "To be or not to be" is Mrs. Dorothy O'Keefe's problem. It's up to the local Draft Board now. . . . We still hear what terrible weather our fair city has compared to that E. F. Pohlmann enjoyed during his recent visit to California. . . . John Nadvornik is taking things easy at home until he gets strong enough to return to work. . . . Mrs. Caroline Weber Boeckmann is the new face currently seen in the Metallurgical laboratory. . . . William D. Egan won the Chairmanship race and, by unanimous vote, George Dufresne was chosen as Secretary for our Safety Meetings in the new year. . . . Let it be known, Russ Willson, that your friendly chatter around the laboratory is missed very much. How are the lads holding up under it out at 96th and 110th Street Stations? . . . Call out any name you wish from Jones to Smith and you're sure to hear "Who" Magnuson reply. It never fails. . . . Cohn, Crane, Berg, Ferguson, Henzi, Modzikowski, and Witting have recently completed the Industrial Safety Course. . . . We're 100 per cent in subscribing for War Bonds.

Photographic

BY FRED KANN

CONGRATULATIONS will be in order very shortly for Al Walavich and his wife, who will have been married one year on February 21. . . . Bob Hull, Myrle Thatcher, and Shirley Wright are the three new faces in our department. Bob is a permanent fixture now, and we hope that the two young ladies will soon be transferred permanently. . . . A late news dispatch from Bill Kline, our Air Corps recruit, now stationed at Maxwell Field, Alabama, reveals that he is up to his ears in higher mathematics and flying duties.

Domestic Sales—Main Office

BY JAMES R. FLEMING

ON JANUARY 29, Mrs. Geraldine Stucker said good-bye to her many friends throughout the Company. Preceding her in this formality was Mrs. Estelle Carrier who bade her fellow workers adieu on January 22. We really miss these girls—they did much to brighten up their respective offices, and their daily greetings were always spontaneous. . . . To offset this loss, we have the good fortune to welcome to the 5th floor, Mrs. Shirley Voorn and Virginia Hajek. Shirley became Mrs. J. C. Voorn on December 31, and had to say farewell to her husband twelve days later when he left to work for Uncle Sam. Jack will be glad to hear from his friends, who may address him as: Private J. C. Voorn, 309th S. S., Flight 669, Keesler Field, Mississippi. . . . Tom Diamond may be addressed at the same location because he and Jack are "bunk-mates." (Don't take that last remark too literally.) Tom says they are getting plenty of marching, tests, and exams. . . . Although we lost Mrs. Carrier, we still have a string attached to Paul. He took advantage of an opportunity to become an I. B. M. expert in the General Accounting. . . . Marv Boss walked in the office the other day after recovering from an illness which had kept him on the shelf for a time. He is a few pounds lighter but he hasn't lost any part of his sunny disposition. All his friends were prompt in their greetings and the hand shaking ceremony was well attended. . . . Since Farrell Powers left the 5th floor we don't see much of him. This is a real loss because his antics were amusing.

Service Dispatching Section

BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS—It's Lt. Stanley J. Ralph now, a graduate of Bomber and Fighter Pilot School, Blacklands, Texas. May all your landings be three-point and may the Gremlins be your friends. . . . AMBITIONS—John Drysdale's life-long dream has been realized. It cost him six cereal box tops but now he's a Junior Fire Commando and sports a blue shirt and helmet. The badge was held up by metal priorities. We did, however, give him the "ax." . . . HOBBIES—Ray Schmitz is heartbroken. After three weeks of loving care he acquired a "smudge of a mustache." But the boys hi-jacked Ray and shaved off his "Pride of Irondale." Ray vows by his mustache cup to try again. . . . MILITARY NOTES—Recent visitors, Frank Izzo and Tommy Vitacco of Customers Order, now down to bed-rock weight and strictly military appearance. Also Frank Gaffney, South District, who is sold on Army life.

Methods and Routines

BY PAUL CONNORS

CONGRATULATIONS to the John Solons on the arrival of Patrick. . . . Orchids to Jack Swan, a 5-time blood donor, and Harry Kaercher, an initiate. . . . That attractive young lady at the Harold Thorson's is Carol Jean and she is eight weeks old. . . . Through roundabout channels we learn that Jim Neill has many awards for specimens of horticultural supremacy. . . . The picture below is the lovely Mrs. Harold Scheckle, the former Miss Majeres, who was wed January 15. Mr. Scheckle is attending Officers School in Virginia. Sincere good wishes to you both. In the background, feeling rather unnecessary with such a glamorous subject, are Jo's co-workers.

Wreathed in smiles, Josephine Majeres, new bride in the Methods and Routines, receives best wishes from co-workers Norman Schultz, Harold Thorson, Harry Kaercher, Andy Dunn, and Paul Connors.

Refining Plant

BY JUNIOR McGRAIL

We wish to extend deepest sympathy to the widow of Adolf Des Jarlais. His merry disposition will be missed by all those who enjoyed it for the last five years, especially in these times when joy means so much to us. . . . Dick Knoblauch is the proud father of an eight pound, eight ounce baby boy. Mother and son are reported doing fine, as is the father, although he suffered a severe relapse when he was presented with the $350 tax exemption. Baby's name—Richard Jr., of course! . . . Lt. Ed Pleva, Chemical Warfare, dropped in recently to extend greetings to all his former fellow workers. . . . Pvt. Ed O'Neill let us know he is living easily on $50 a month at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. . . . Wally Rydel, Platform man, has been transferred to one of Crawford Station's storerooms. Good luck, "Elmer." . . . The above picture shows Fred Morley, chauffeur, and Fred Jr., who is now serving with the Army Air Corps in Nashville, Tennessee. . . . Dr. Don McMullan (attending physician—and machinist by trade) reports that Base Oil's pups are now in fine condition and, their eyes open, have started to explore the plant. Drs. Novak, Morley, Kreuger, Lorenz, and Wagner, consulting physicians, are taking a few bows to show their pleasure at the pups' good health.

The Morley's—Father and Son

Receipts

BY ROBERTA MALLOY

It is a real pleasure to be back in circulation again—after missing two GAS NEWS' deadlines because of an unexpected appendectomy. Mary Callahan also spent the same period recovering from a similar operation. Many, many thanks to the Receipts' employes for the swell way they looked after the convalescents—what with books, stationery, and greeting cards. . . . Highlights of the interim: Answering the call to the colors, Hal Person reported to his local board on January 15, taking with him a brown leather utility case, a gift from his friends at the office. . . . As all patriotic Americans are buying more Bonds and Stamps, the roster of Stamp sellers for the Gas Company swells. It now includes Vivian Williams and Maida Zahringer of this Department. . . . Without further ado we are happy to present our new employes: Josephine Druktenis, Florence Engstrom, Betty Frederick, Frances Mogren, Irene Pallagi, Alice Rootes, and Florence Zukowski. . . . The bowling season is now rolling along at a fast pace and bowlerettes Mary Clancy and Marcella Donahue are marking off the frames in true championship fashion. To borrow a popular phrase, "Keep 'em rolling," girls! . . . The sparkle in Lillian Maloney's eye is matched or surpassed only by the lovely diamond adorning her third finger, left hand. Congratulations to Lil and the lucky man. . . . To Helen McCullough, Agnes Granitz, and Helen McGuire go their friends' best wishes for success in their new positions in the Bookkeeping section.

General Accounting

BY ELIZABETH HUBBARD

Dorothy Anderson of the Machine Section is the first girl in the Department to go into the Service. She was inducted into the Waves Friday, February 5, and is anxiously waiting to be called. Present indications are that she'll go to either Iowa State or Hunter College. . . . Dolores Hill and Margie Matthews are our two brides this month. Dolores left February 12 for Texas and will be married on the twentieth. Margie left January 29 and was married in California February 6. We hope they will be very happy. . . . Roy Yauch left us for the Army Air Corps the other day on very short notice, so short in fact that we practically broke our necks trying to get his present before he left that afternoon. Another one of our Servicemen, Bill Elsberg, came in for a flying visit, just leaving his new bride long enough to say hello and show how well he looked in the uniform. . . . We extend our sympathy to Paul LaVernway and his family on the death of his young sister and to Katherine Summerville on the death of her father. . . . There are two new girls in the Key Punch Section—Francis Connor and LaVerne Thormahlem, and everyone feels that they are welcome additions to the section.

South District

BY JOHN F. SCHULDT

John Stevens is the newest recruit from South District. John enlisted in the Navy and left for duty January 26. This brings our total up to sixty men who have entered the various branches of the Armed Forces. . . . Edward Costello and William Kane started the new year off by receiving a visit from Mr. Stork. They were boys in both cases. Tom Buckley also announced the arrival of a baby boy on January 24. Congratulations to the three of you! . . . The last shop Forum meeting, held on January 27, was very well attended by the shop men. Motion pictures of the present day events on the various battle fronts throughout the world were shown and proved to be very interesting. . . . The Ranges have taken a commanding lead of six games in the bowling league. Gus Klingbeil rolled a 247 game on January 22 for the highest individual game to be turned in to date. Frank Gaffney, now a Staff Sergeant and Jack Cunnea, Jr. dropped in to the shop this past month while home on leave. . . . The shop has started on another Safety contest for 1943. Since we won the 1942 contest, let's buckle down and bring in this one too.

Bill Delivery

BY LEILA LIBBY

Seems to us that life in the Armed Forces agrees with the fellows who drop in to say "hello" while on leave. Lately, Jim Doherty was among the visitors—looking fit as could be. Through him we heard that Vic Tonon is doing himself proud in the Air Force. . . . Speaking of Servicemen—no wonder the buttons on Mr. Hardin's vest are popping. Have you seen the pictures of his son who is a bombardier now? . . . At this writing, Rosemarie Patek is recuperating from a recent parting with her appendix. We're all hoping to see you back soon, Rosemarie.

Chicago District Pipeline

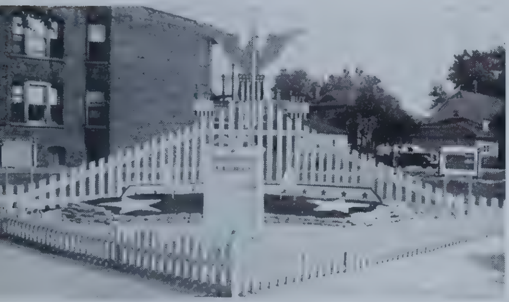
BY EDMUND REED

Mike Blahut resigned as guard at the Meter Station and was replaced by Bert Coldwater. We wish to welcome Bert into the Company and to wish him success. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Grewenig are the proud parents of a fine baby boy. Congratulations to them. . . . Word was received recently from Chuck Liess who informs us he is now training in desert warfare. . . . Roger Bartz is still watching the mail box for his Army induction notice. . . . Everyone is quite proud of the new honor roll charts recently placed in the Meter Station and Field Office.

Central District

BY WILTON BROWN

Presenting the handiwork of Fitter William Stack. This patriotic corner is the result of many hours of time, but it is surely appreciated by the many visitors at 57th and Loomis. . . . It's a girl at the Poppelreiter's. Mother and daughter are doing fine, and we enjoyed the excellent cigars furnished by the proud father. . . . That big smile on the face of Mike Sweeney announces the birth of a baby boy. Our congratulations to both families. . . . Joseph Hogan, Robert Cromwell, and Ted Silk are our recent contributions to the Armed Forces. The best of everything to each of you. . . . The Bowling season has just passed the halfway mark and the CHANGES remain in first place due to the steady bowling of Dan Elliot. Dan makes the pin boys jump, but gets lots of pins and that is what shows up on the score sheet. Neiman shows the true generosity of a Captain by never getting more than three pins in the Beer frame. He says it isn't on purpose, but we are sure that you're just being a good fellow, Wally. . . . We were grieved to hear of the death of John Szafran from our Street department on January 22. Our sympathy to his widow and two daughters. . . . We have arranged a file for the letters received from our men in the Armed Forces. These men certainly appreciate hearing from each of you. Let's not let them down because they are surely in there fighting for each of us.



William Stack's Victory Corner

Division Station

BY M. F. KENNEDY

An excellent time was had by all at a recent get-together by the boys at Division. John Jarmusz and Slugger Marshall acted as M.C. and toast-master, respectively, and did it in their usual inimitable manner. An interesting recitation which carried over from the last party, and is promised to be finished at the next, was given by Ralph Cummings. George Durfey, our Superintendent, divided his time between this and a birthday party given in his honor. We wish to extend our best wishes to him. . . . Our two Casanovas, Dagwood and Howard Anderson, surpassed everyone in entertaining the fair sex. A quartet led by Ralph Gogola, accompanied on the accordion by Richard Schuele, rendered a number of selections in true barber shop harmony. A past master at the terpsichorean art, Tom Walsh put on an unusual dance—a mixture of adagio and ball-room dancing which was the highlight of the evening. We are looking forward with pleasure to our next gathering. . . . Nice to see Herb Tittel about and very much himself again after an attack of the flu. Best wishes to his family for a speedy recovery from the same. . . . One-play Henry Jarmusz is quite a basketball star, according to the reports. . . . Wonder if Wimpy Ripley will ever get an unconditional pass for an evening out again. . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bob St. Julian who is on the sick list at present.

Messenger Service

BY LUCY COAKLEY

Many changes have taken place since the last Gas News went to press. Peggy Loftus, who was supervisor of the Ante Room, was promoted to the Treasury Office and replaced in the Ante Room by Lucy Coakley. Mildred Zima is leaving the Company to return to school. She is being replaced by Betty Dougherty. La Verne Kinnally is leaving the Company for another position and is being replaced by Betty Ruth Clifton. . . . Francis Connor from Messenger Service was promoted to General Accounting. Marge Voigt was promoted to Auditing. . . . The new faces seen in Messenger Service belong to Catherine Welsh, June Frost, Jane Woods, Pat Byrne, Eileen Sidlow, John Milhouse, and Ed Yoe. . . . Congratulations to Mr. Written who is now cashier.

South Sales

BY WALTER CAHILL

Another office romance has culminated in marriage. Shirley Nickelson and Jack Voorn were married on December 31 just before Jack entered the Armed Service at Keesler Field, Mississippi, where he has been appointed Platoon Leader. . . . Captain Bob Birkhoff paid us another visit, and Roy Bell was back again from North Africa, this time via Egypt. Charles LaMotte, Aviation Machinist Mate, Marine Air Corps, also dropped in. He is now stationed at Navy Pier. . . . Lois Horlick is off to the Navy WAVES. She will study at Smith College, preparatory to receiving an Ensign's commission. . . . We are pleased to welcome Ruth Marshall to our Home Service department.

Coke Sales

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

News is scarce at Coke Sales these days, and what little there is has a saddened note. Ed Joyce lost his father on January 23, and Ray Schmitt his father-in-law the previous week. We sincerely sympathize with these friends and co-workers in their bereavement. . . . Our sympathies also are extended to our former fellow workers, Ed Toussaint of Purchasing in the loss of his wife, and Helen Walsh of Correspondence in the loss of her uncle. . . . Ray, Schmitt and McCarthy have been promoted—from Class 3-A to Class 1-A in the draft records. Schmitt's in a quandary, can't decide whether he'd rather go to Alaska or Guadalcanal. . . . Auditors Anderson and Bowen have been with us for several weeks. We have enjoyed having them.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

We have heard from Charles (Nick) Wall who is soldiering at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. He reports that Army life agrees with him and that he is gaining weight. To prove it, he sent us the picture in this column. . . . Harry Brown is soldiering at a Texas camp. . . . Messrs. Leo Fitzgerald, Val Amedro, and Edward Gorney have completed the Industrial Safety Engineering course and will participate in graduation exercises at the Illinois Institute of Technology on February 6. Thus, we have three more Apostles of Safety among us. . . . Crawford Station was well represented by a sizeable delegation at the Inaugural Party of the Gas Club at Orchestra Hall. Congratulations to the committee for an excellent program. . . . Frank Budil of our Storeroom has left to join the ranks of the Bastian Blessing organization. We wish him success in his new work. . . . Robert Mason's son recently left to join the Army Air Corps. . . . We sympathize with Ed Joyce in the loss of his father. . . . Calling all Sportsmen! If you are interested in trapping the wild beasts of the forest and jungle, contact Frank (Catch 'em alive) Hatfield for the latest developments in methods and equipment. Trapping and taming are done in one operation, the taming being automatically done in the trap by a special patented device. Regardless of previous ferocity, the trapped beast is tamed and domesticated.

Nick Wall

Key Punch Section

BY DOLORES TAYLOR

JANUARY SEEMS to be "the" month for birthdays in the Key Punch section. Happy birthday to the following: Ruth Kath, Marion Bridges, Marge Henricksen, Edna Mohr, Stella Paukstra, Shirley Breese, Rilma Schwenke, Mary O'Donnell, and Terry Nessler. What a crowd. . . . Have you seen the lovely new ring now sparkling on the third finger, left hand of Bernice Baumann? . . . We are glad to have Pat Byrne back with us again and we hope Marge Andretich hurries and gets well because we sure miss her. So how about it, Marge. . . . Rita Conlon has been transferred to the front office. . . . We can now call Terry Nessler "aunty" as she has a new nephew, John Michael Wesley. Congratulations! . . . Ruth Kath has accomplished the swell job of becoming a full fledged nurse's aide. Bet she'll be a good one. . . . We want to express a hearty welcome to our new file clerk, Janet Olenski—we hope you will like us. . . . Anne Paquette was presented with a bouquet in honor of her twenty-fifth year of service with the Company.

North District

BY CHARLES KELLEY

IN THE ABSENCE OF YOUR COLUMNIST, Herbert Weber, who has left us for another field of endeavor, your scribe writes his first column and his last. Sort of a parting shot before leaving civilian life. . . . To our boys in the Armed Forces: In regard to bowling—no soap; no bowlers. . . . Sam Miceli's letters have been coming like "No-Gases" at twenty below. Sam has been in the Navy 96 days and we have received 97 letters. Keep them coming, Sam—we like them. . . . Box score to date: 55 men, Army; 9 men, Navy; 1 man, Merchant Marine; and $27,666 worth of Bonds to back them up. . . . Carl Adams, ex-Chief Clerk, is bouncing with the Armored Forces in California. . . . Tod Burbach is looking at the world through the bomb-bay of a B-17. . . . A little out of line, but who can picture Bill Conway as an M. P.? We can't. . . . Sgt. Jim Nestor stopped in to see us and says he's taking care of our "Overweight" John Loftus. . . . Murphy and Daenzer are making things hot in Alaska at forty below. Just to even things up, McGuigan and Bergh are basking at 140 above in the shade at Guadalcanal. . . . This is our way of letting you know that the boys are covering the four corners of the earth gathering tall tales of how they won the war. We, holding down the home front here at North District hope that these men will soon be back to tell us all about it.

Tabulating Section

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

THE HIGHLIGHT for the month of January was the party given on the twelfth at Le Petit Gourmet for Helen Nowak, who joined the Waves January 22. That's a coincidence, for there were just 22 girls at the dinner. . . . Belated, but nevertheless sincere good wishes to Jean Brundage and P.F.C. Tom Kirby, formerly from the Auditing, upon their engagement. By the way, she and her Keypuncher friends, Helen O'Leary and Mabelle Bruzek, had a wonderful time at the Y.W.C.A. Lodge near Glenview over a recent week end. How do you like little Mabelle in her Russian pose? . . . Best of luck to Mike Misichko in his new government job. . . . We're proud of Danny Beinecke—Air Corps, January 4; Hal Person—drafted, January 14; Joe Wolf—Navy Air Corps. January 28; Jimmie Shields—drafted, January 29; and the many others who have been with us just a short time. . . . A word of welcome to the new recruits in our home army.

Mabelle Bruzek

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

ON FEBRUARY 5 Stanley Eaton was guest-of-honor at a farewell party held in room 1039 at which time his friends bid him Godspeed. He was commissioned a Lieutenant, Jr. Grade, United States Navy, and left for Fort Schuyler, New York. . . . Cornelia Titus recently traveled to Indiana to be with her mother who was ill but who is now greatly improved. . . . Bob Leitner returned after a long illness and is rapidly regaining his strength. Welcome back, Bob, and watch that flu germ in the future. . . . The newcomer in the Employe Service Section is Betty Crotty who replaced Mary Sherman, now a member of the Correspondence Section. . . . Doris Tryon went to Rantoul early in January to see a certain boy in khaki. . . . Dr. H. M. Crystal has replaced Dr. Z. Yanof on the Medical Staff. Welcome! . . . Last year's bowling contest was renewed this season when the Personnel team again played the Elevator Men. This time the latter were victorious—winning two out of three games. That evens the score so the finals will be played off in April. Sale of tickets starts next week! . . . Alice Lake middle-aisled it recently. She was maid of honor this time.

Customers

BY RICHARD J. CAHILL

ANYONE SUFFERING from such minor ailments as compound fractures, skull dents, snake bites, or third degree burns will be given very efficient care if they contact our First Aid experts. Owen Fee, Ed Carey, Larry Minnich, Frank McDonald, Bill Kelsey, Peg Malmborg, Bud Flanagan, Paul Strom, and yours truly now possess cards which entitle them to perform anything short of mayhem. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Beaumont and Mr. Stetler for their fine job of teaching. . . . Mrs. Donald Kurzenknabe (formerly Sonje Carlson), our newest bride, is typical of the real American girl. It's not easy for a young bride to keep smiling and cheerful when her soldier husband is away, but Sonny never gripes. Our hats off to all like her. . . . Congratulations to Club President Mike Lambke and his Entertainment chairman, Stan Modzikowski, for the fine inaugural show. It was too bad that Secretary Dorothy Rees could not attend, but Old Man Flu said no. However, Dorothy is back to work now and feeling fine. . . . Our sincerest sympathies to Bill Kelsey whose father passed away recently.

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

WE FEEL the war is as good as won, now that our "young blood" has joined the Armed Forces. With tears in our eyes we said adieu to Steve Cusack, who was inducted on January 27. . . . Two of the boys from the Stationery Section were also inducted in January: Francis J. Benham and Harold R. Todd, Jr. The best of luck to all of you and we hope you will soon be back with us. . . . The precious package delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ruppman on January 5 was a baby boy, weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces. Herman tells us he has beautiful red hair and all signs indicate he will be the future chief of the O.P.A. Congratulations, Herman and Mrs. Ruppman. . . . Also, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rydel on the arrival of a baby girl. . . . We were sorry to learn that Conrad Stock had sprained the ligaments in his ankle, but we are happy to report he is back on the job. . . . We wish to welcome Helen Flynn and Thirza Cory to our Department and hope they will be very happy with us. . . . Pvt. John M. McMullan paid us a visit. He is now stationed with the 1649th Railway Detachment with Headquarters at the Civic Opera House. We believe Millard Keller should receive special mention on the occasion of his award of a Fifty Dollar War Bond for the second highest amount of Suggestions sent in and adopted. Keep up the good work, Millard.

Meter Reading

BY RICHARD H. BLOHM

HURRAH! for the fellows at 63rd Street for winning the recent Safety contest, the engraved plaque, and FIFTY BUCKS. Congratulations go to John De Mol, supervisor, for his effort in the contest. . . . Chubby little Nancy Leigh Wolff, daughter of Norman Wolff, seems content to be wheeled about, as the picture below shows. . . . We're sorry to say that Frank Lane is confined to his home because of illness. We hope that it won't be for long. . . . Many interesting letters have come in from the fellows in the Service. They are read to the meter readers and sure do receive a lot of attention. . . . The following men were loaned to Uncle Sam during the past month: B. Costagli, T. McNicholas, E. Zink, G. Hale, D. Becker, W. Glynn, B. Zudycki, and F. Sullivan. . . . Another swell party was held in honor of Francis Sullivan who was accepted by the draft board. . . . August Magistrelli is assisting in refunding checks to our customers. He's capable and we know he's doing a fine job. . . . George Iwicki is helping to raise some funds for the Boy Scouts.

Miss Nancy Leigh Wolff

Bookkeeping

BY PHILIP CRIMMINS

WE WERE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED when a couple of the boys in Service paid us a visit. Ken Love stopped in on his way from Washington, while Tom Kearns came all the way from Oregon. They evidently like the Service life, because it certainly agrees with them . . . Best of luck to Richard Casper and Frank Williamson. Dick left for the Army February 10, and Frank will see service in the Coast Guard. . . . When Paul Richert works, he doesn't fool. The other day, while sitting next to a boiling radiator, and with all the windows closed, he just couldn't imagine why he was perspiring. . . . With all the different people in the rationing pools, Harry Jones, Frank Madsen, and Elmer Filek must have started a new one; recently, after a lunch hour, each of them returned with a brand new haircut. That's one pool where the participants got clipped. . . . Birthdays last month included Dorothy Crane, January 15; Karl Tidrow, January 18; and Joe McNerney, January 21. . . . Betty Silhanek dropped in to say hello again. . . . Ann Seemuth spent a pleasant vacation in Duluth, Minnesota. . . . Was Peggy Sullivan's face red the day she had bought a doll for Marie Herbert's granddaughter, and the doll cried, "ma-ma" on the crowded street car every time Peggy would move the doll box. . . . We recently received a visit from Mrs. William Morrisy, the former Genevieve Sontag.

Mail-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

OUR HEROES OF THE WEEK—John Bruen and Sam Bronstein—who answered an emergency call and gave blood to a child seriously ill with meningitis. Baby and the two Mr. B's doing fine, thank you. Incidentally, both boys have given blood to the Red Cross; in fact, Mr. Bruen is considering turning professional after the war. Six pints is his record! . . . At this reading Dolores Gleason is visiting her Bob, who is stationed, for a short while, at Norfolk, Virginia. Dolores is seeing as much of the country as her Ensign husband, and these Navy men really seem to get around. . . . Last minute bulletin from the front office. Two promotions have just been put into effect. Mr. F. J. Written is now the new Cashier of the Company and Mr. John P. Bruen is the new Assistant Paymaster. Congratulations to you both and good luck in your new positions. . . . Welcome to Betty Coleman, John Lussem, and Curtis Patchen, the newest additions to our staff.

Engineering Department

BY JULIEN JORDAN

ANNOUNCEMENT by Weston Matthews of the birth of a daughter brought congratulations recently. On January twenty-second, Pamela Joyce was born to Joyce Matthews at the Henrotin Hospital. Nothing but good reports have been heard from Wes since the event. . . . We had a letter from George Cheshire recently. George is in Boston waiting for a ship, and in the meantime has been assigned to a battery of 40 mil. anti-aircraft guns, commonly known as "Chicago Pianos." . . . Bill Bruson has been taking good care of the rabbits near his home during the cold weather by feeding them some of the prize shrubbery around his house. Bill has been receiving many suggestions as to what he should do with his "pets." One is to serve hasenpfeffer. . . . We suggest that Carl Nieman get a retread and some chains after slipping and falling.

The Irving Park meter readers gather to give Francis Sullivan a send-off to the Army. They are, left to right, back row: John Kaufhold, Blas Costagli, and Raymond Rang. Middle row: Ralph Acerenza, Walter Steurmer, Ed Elliot, Stephen Walker, Edward Fletcher, Raymond and August Magistrelli, Thomas Joyce, William Winter, and a guest. Seated: William Timm, James Cavanaugh, Francis Sullivan, James Pink, Dan Glienna, Joseph Jackovec, and Morton Clark.

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

WEATHER—in the name of "Ole Man Winter"—has been the chief topic of concern down this way the past month. Frank Catrambone had the sad experience of a badly frozen ear; and others have had to find new means of transportation. . . . Pvt. 1st Class John Smit informs his sister of an expected furlough from Fort Benning, Georgia in February. Hope we receive a visit one of these days. Pvt. John Flanagan, now located in Texas, writes a newsy letter, and seems well pleased with his training in the Coast Artillery. Pvt. Carlton Claysen has just left Camp Grant for a new location in Mississippi. No news from Sgt. Hugh Cornyn this year; hopes are high, boys. Tony Abbate is anxious to function as Service-correspondent. . . . Eugene Sullivan received his induction notice February 11. . . . George Laurence, Jr. and Peter Gilligan of General Accounting have been spending a few busy days with us and are learning our way of life.

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February 1, 1943

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FREDERICK W. FARQUHAR Treasury Department,	48 Years, 8 Months
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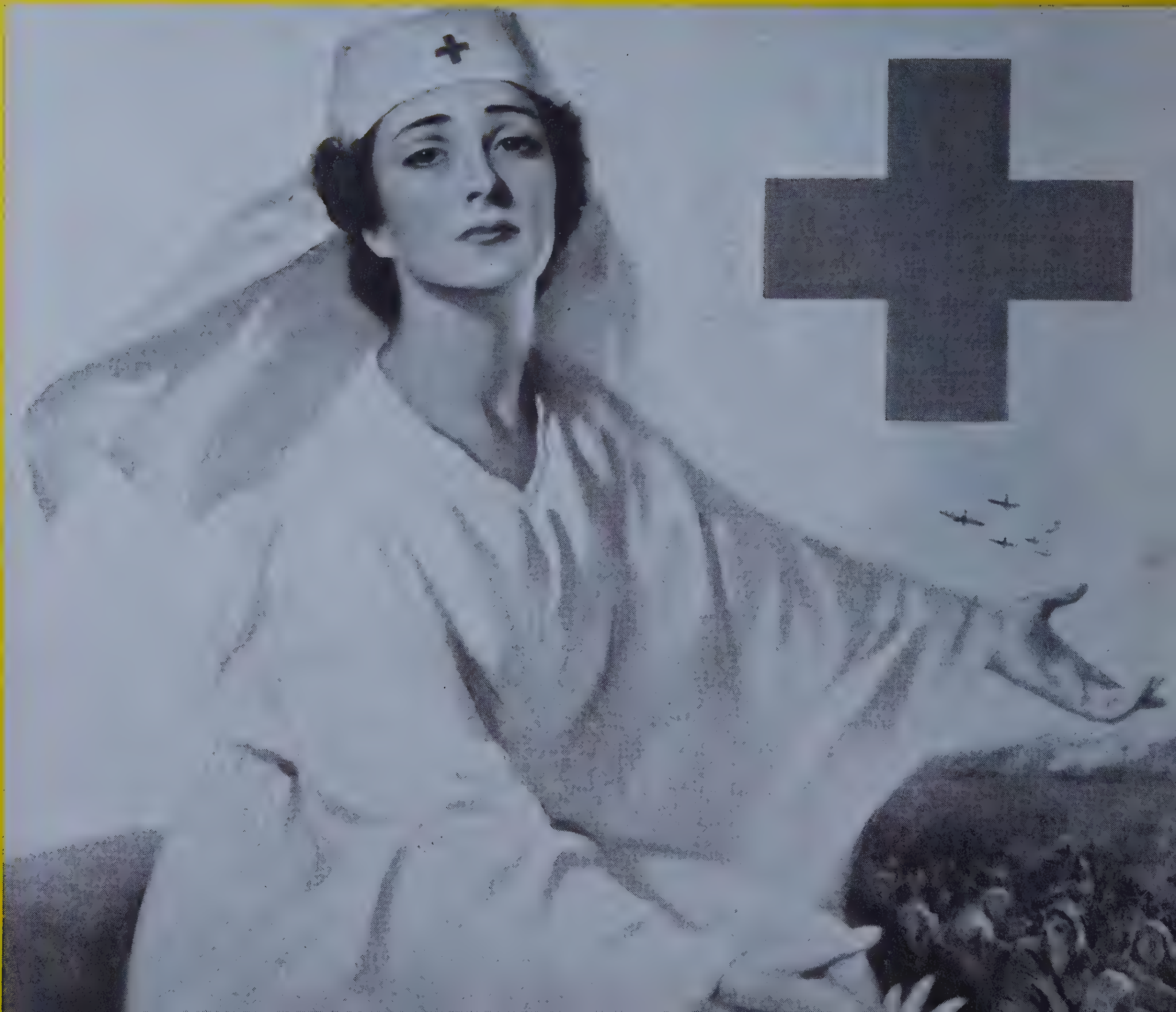

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Annual Report Edition

1942 marked our first full war year in World War II . . . That year brought to each one of us the full meaning of a global . . . or actual "world" war . . . It also brought home to most of us the perhaps tardy realization of the magnitude of the task remaining before us.

The past year saw the industrial might of our great nation converted from peace-time channels into record-shattering war production. It saw American industry take up the Axis challenge and hurl it back at them in terms of a mighty river of planes, tanks, bombs, ships and guns!

"What's past," they say, "is prologue" . . . and as huge as this effort has been . . . it is only the beginning of an industrial production that is so vast that it staggers the imagination . . . and which will eventually engulf the enemies of America!

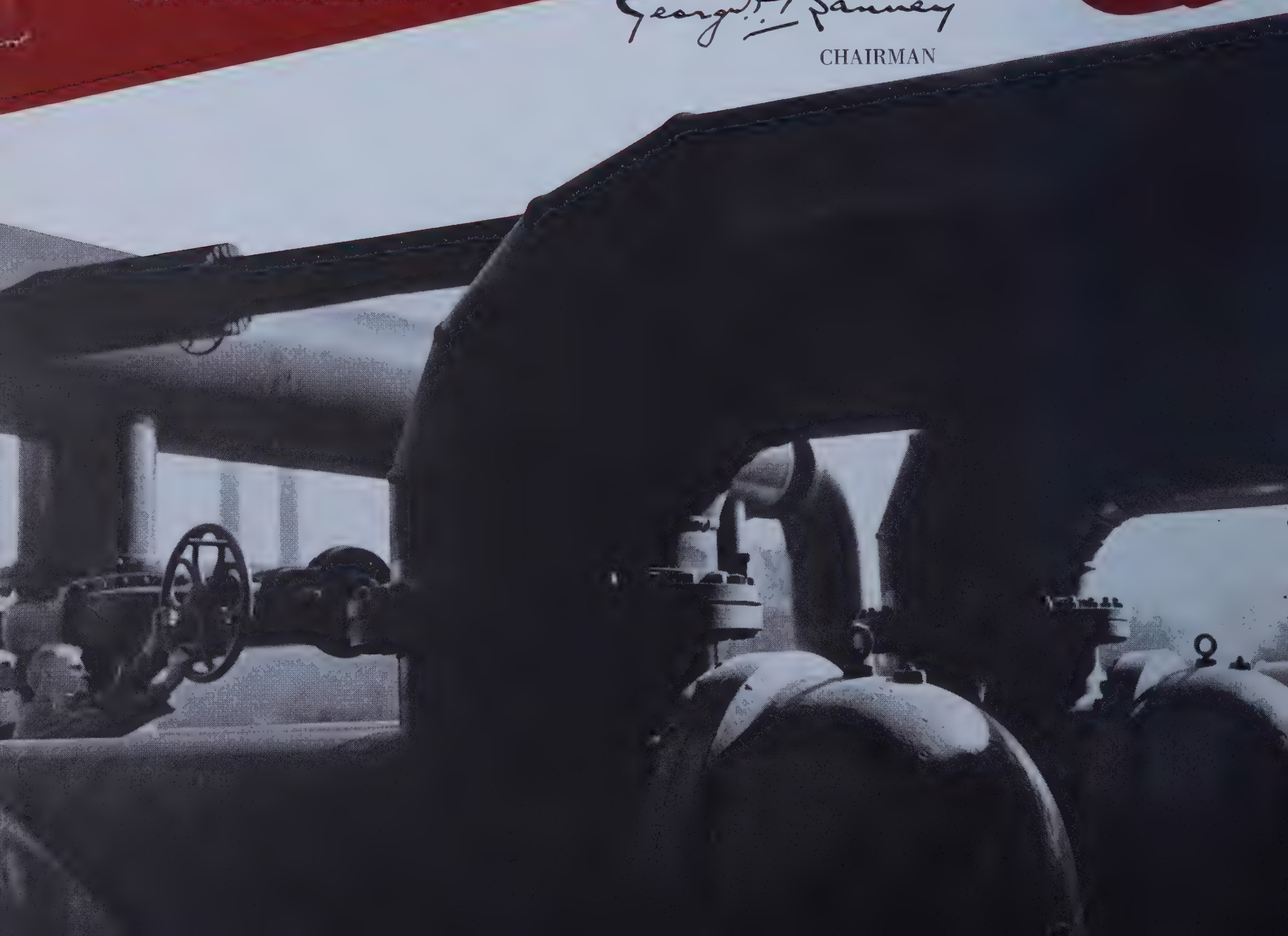
Peoples Gas and its employes have had no small part in this magical transformation from peace-time economy.

This Annual Report Edition is an effort to show something of our efforts along these lines . . . in rendering a vital service to the workers and industries in this great mid-western hub of war production.

These efforts, too, are but "prologue" . . . and are but the beginning of greater contributions by all of us in 1943 . . . so that the Victory for which we all pray, will be more quickly won!

George A. Ranney

CHAIRMAN



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A LARGE NUMBER of employes of the Company are engaged in work which requires a great amount of walking, and might feel some apprehension over the recent government rationing of shoes. The O.P.A. advises that these employes apply to their own ration boards for additional shoes (including safety shoes) for their work if they have used up their regular issue of shoe coupons and feel that a lack of additional footwear is an impairment to their jobs. Any employe who has tried, and could not secure the needed footwear through his ration board, is urged to notify his superintendent, so that other "steps" may be taken.

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PEOPLE who deliberately go out of their way to be honest display a trait of character which eventually causes them to be held in high esteem by their associates. Recently two employes of the Company have shown this evidence of their trustworthiness. One girl in the Mail-Receiving opened a letter containing a gas bill stub for payment, and a $50 bill tumbled out. After locating the customer by phone and informing him of the "find," he revealed that he had searched for the money and was unable to explain its disappearance. He promptly paid a visit to the department, and vociferously commended the clerk and the Company for their honesty. Another case of unusual employe honesty occurred at Central District, where a service man went to considerable trouble to return a lost pocketbook (see page 16). This form of honesty serves a dual purpose: it makes two people happy when one of them was very unhappy before, and it provides the best kind of public relations for our Company.

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WE EXTEND a written handshake to the enterprising members of Gas Post, American Legion, for the excellent results produced in their drive for old radios to be used by the U. S. Signal Corps. Congratulations are also in order for South Shop which led all other departments with a bonanza collection of early vintage sets, and for the many other gas workers who cooperated with the Legionnaires in their worthwhile project.

Calendar of Events

EMPLOYE FORUM
Thursday, March 25
Room 1039 & Home Service Auditorium
5:30 p.m.

ANNUAL GIRLS' PARTY
Thursday, April 29
Tracy's Stevens Bldg. Restaurant
6:30 p.m.

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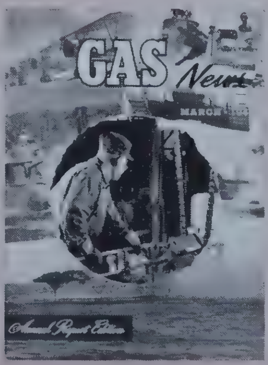

Before guns can be shot, ships launched, or bullets made, carefully controlled heat treatment is necessary on a large number of metals and raw materials in the factories which make them. Gas Fuel, because of its widespread use in most war production plants, has gone to war. Our cover picture shows a typical gas heat operation in a Chicago manufacturing plant, superimposed over scenes of the battlefront where our arms and ammunition receive the acid-test in the hands of our fighting men.

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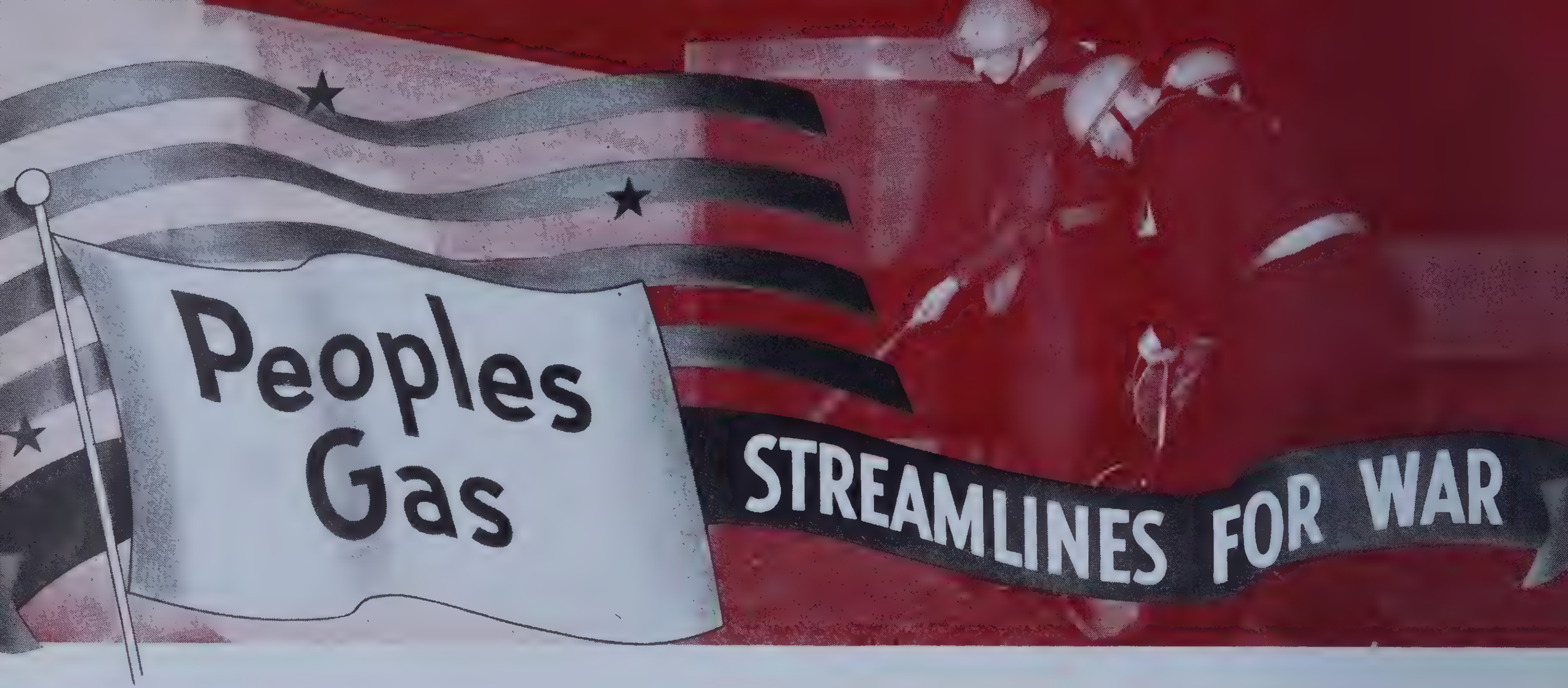


Peoples Gas STREAMLINES FOR WAR

WHEN the reverberations from that thunderous assault at Pearl Harbor subsided, and a shocked nation had settled down to the serious business of defeating its enemies, Peoples Gas began to streamline for war. Unlike the many manufacturing concerns, whose whole production system was uprooted in the change from the making of peacetime products to war material, Peoples Gas continued to provide the same product which it produced before. But its responsibility to the community and to the war production plants it served increased immeasurably.

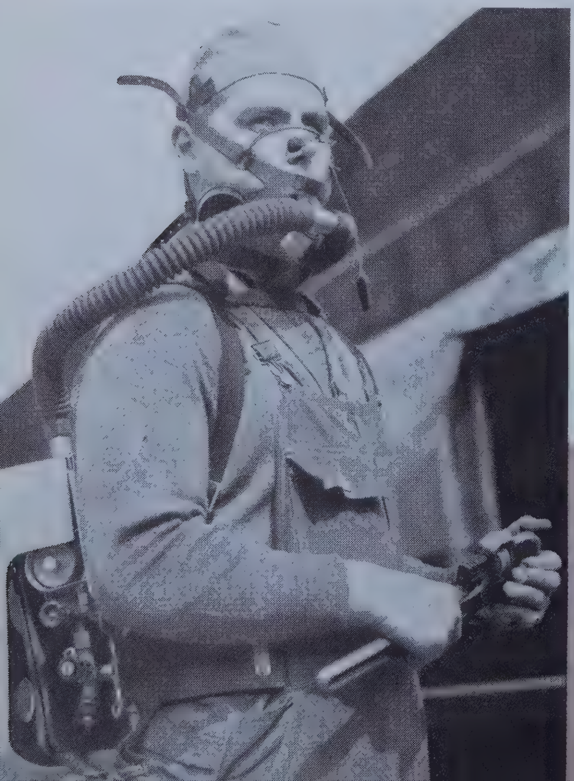
The importance of our Company and its product in our war economy is reflected in the many changes which have taken place throughout the Peoples Gas organization since war was declared. Among other things, its production and distribution plants have been named restricted zones by the government; its guard force has been increased and Federalized; its employes have been fingerprinted, photographed, and registered with the F.B.I.; and its mains have been extended to the war production plants in the Chicago area.

A great part of the streamlining in our Company has been in the efficient protective organization which was formed to operate in conjunction with the Office of Civilian Defense. Certainly the Company can do nothing to prevent an air raid; however, much can be done, and much has been done to minimize the effects of bombing. By means of planning, practice, and preparation, our protective system stands ready to control the spread of bomb destruction by fire, to save lives by giving First Aid, and to restore any interruption in gas service as quickly as possible.

Protective Committee Formed

The first step in our plant protection program was the formation of a "Protective Committee," headed by Vice President W. G. Rudd. On the Committee are: Vice Presidents E. I. Bjork, J. A. Cunningham, R. B. Harper, and A. L. Tossell. This Committee set the course of the Company's wartime protective program, and established the regulations throughout the Company which were necessary to assure the program's success.

Because the Committee's plans were varied and complex, it was found that the services of a large number of volunteer employes would be needed. While the repair work on street and plant equipment would be done by men familiar with those phases of our business, other men were required for miscellaneous tasks at the scattered locations. Accordingly, the Company issued a call early in March for volunteers. Wholehearted response was clearly indicated when 1,400 gas men (and some women) mailed their applications to the Company, offering to help.



At left, Glen Rose, of South District, demonstrates what the well-dressed gas man will wear during an air raid.

Guards such as those shown at right, maintain a constant watch over the Company's properties. Only persons having properly endorsed passes are admitted.

After reviewing and classifying the applications, the Protective Committee decided that about 700 employes could be used to form the volunteer organization. Later, the selected employes were assembled at the production stations and trained for specific protective functions. These volunteers are now familiar with their duties and stand ready to perform them if and when called.

During the past year experiments were made on different types of "snuffers," and one was finally developed during 1942 which effectively extinguished the experimental main fires. The one accepted for emergency use consisted of a metal plug, which, when inserted into the burning main end, forced soap around the snuffer and cut off the gas supply. Other methods for combating main and surface gas fires due to bombing were also developed during the year.

Changes were also observed in the Peoples Gas Building, where each of the 21 floors was identified as either a refuge zone or not a refuge zone. Windows were covered on the refuge floors, lanterns were hung in the halls to be used if the lights were shattered, and elevator operators were instructed in the procedure to be followed when evacuating employes to certain lower floors. Volunteer air raid wardens have been appointed for all floors throughout the building.

Emergency Trucks Prepared

Also ready to go into action at a moment's notice, are three emergency air raid trucks which stand in the garages of North, Central, and South District Shops. These rugged vehicles were purchased during 1942 expressly for the rough usage to which they would be subjected in case of an air attack. The trucks are completely equipped with the most modern fire fighting and main repair devices available. Trained crews are assigned to each truck, and are subject to call at all times.

Conduct First Aid Classes

During 1942, three hundred and sixty-five employes spent their own time learning how to make emergency seconds count by studying First Aid. Every night in the week classes were held for men and women who wanted to prepare themselves for service to others in case an air raid comes to Chicago.

To take the place of the 500 men who left the Company for the Armed Forces, many new faces, mostly feminine, appeared in various departments. In many instances they took over jobs which were formerly regarded as masculine domain, such as the Bill Delivery, Meter Repair, and Messenger Service.

All of these changes combined to make Peoples Gas an efficient organization prepared to serve the war time requirements of both civilians and the producers of war winning materials. In addition, with our volunteer workers organized and trained, we of the Gas Company stand willing and ready to save our property and lives from unnecessary destruction if hell should descend upon us from the skies.

Forcing grease into a burning gas main under air pressure is one method of combatting flames on burning gas main ends. Glen Rose is shown in the top picture connecting the grease hose.

George Raetz and Roy Abrahamson, directly above, smear soap onto one of the expansion snuffers designed by our engineers for extinguishing main-end fires.

Like men from Mars, these fire fighters, pictured above, practice the control of flames started by incendiaries.

Members of the Employe - volunteer emergency organization learned about various types of bombs, First Aid, and numerous protective duties during the year. A typical bomb demonstration is pictured at right.

OUR SOLDIERS

On The Home Front

NOT everyone can shoot Japanazis in this War. Millions of plain, ordinary civilians are required to keep production lines humming, raw materials moving, and other functions running smoothly. Many Americans at home have felt that doing their regular work is not enough. They have taken over "after hour" jobs, vastly important in the war effort—jobs which would not be done except for this display of patriotism.

Peoples Gas has its full quota of these patriots who are to be congratulated for their energy and enthusiasm. They are the ones who are doing more than is expected of them to help give Tojo and his Axis cohorts a severe pain in the neck.

Probaby the toughest spare time assignment on the whole list of "extra-curricular" war duties is being a member of a draft board. Three employe Legionnaires have assumed responsibility on Selective Service Boards. They are G. I. Simpson, Superintendent Customer Accounting; John E. Naylor, Superintendent of the Meter Reading; and Charles E. Scannell, Credit and Collection department. They know what it is to burn midnight oil, and from their kaleidoscopic experiences with people in all walks of life, they should emerge with at least the equivalent of a degree in human psychology.

Civilian Defense Tops List

The results of a recent survey among gas men and women reveals that more of them are helping with Civilian Defense than with any other line of endeavor. Over 20 men have become air raid wardens in their neighborhoods, 25 have taken over the duties of block captains, ten are fire wardens, 38 are bomb reconnaissance agents, while several others have had important duties in the higher administrative offices of the Civilian Defense organization during the past year.

JOIN
U.S. Marine Corps

Top Photo shows Betty Boehme, Home Service Representative, who spends her Saturdays on her part-time war job as a Grey Lady in Wesley Memorial Hospital. She is shown preparing books for the patients in the hospital.

Draft Board work takes all of the "after hour" time and energy of Charles Scannell, Credit and Collection department. He is pictured with his office assistant at the Selective Service Board office reviewing one of the many records on file.

Every Monday is War Stamp day at North District. These men are shown turning their small change into funds for Victory. Seated at left are: Anthony Fredona and Carl Adams (now a soldier). Stamp buyers are: George Kolar, Dobry Bogdanoff, Eugene Nanay, Arthur Bolton, Albin Fant, J. Charles Ward, Patrick Sweeney, Leo Smith, and Thomas Gannon.

Outstanding among the Civilian Defense workers in the Company is Vice President R. B. Harper, who serves as Chairman of the Blackout Section, Organization of Techniques. Under his direction, the plans for a complete Chicago blackout were organized. Also in the Blackout Section, assisting Mr. Harper, are Stephen C. Brophy, and J. H. Miller, both from Research and Testing. In the Civilian Defense Control Center, are Wesley D. Mitchell, William G. Larson, and C. J. VanZytveld of Research and Testing. Edward F. Pohlmann, Chief Testing Engineer, has aided the Civilian Defense organization by testing various materials used by it for civilian protection.

In their desire to contribute their share towards Victory, gas folk have voiced spirited appeals over the radio for War Bond sales, have studied nursing, civilian aeronautics, and have taught or studied First Aid courses held in the Company. They have given talks before large audiences for the Treasury Department; helped cheer the soldiers, sailors, and marines in the Service Men's Centers; and have knitted garments for the Red Cross.

Girls Sell War Bonds

On a regular schedule, seven evenings a week, Peoples Gas girls took over the War Bond sales in the lobby of the Roosevelt Theatre, in the loop. With their winning smiles, they urged evening theatre-goers to take their change in War Stamps or to buy Bonds if they could. Sales figures show that these girls have done, and are continuing to do, an excellent job of selling.

Donating Their Blood

So that others may live, a number of employes gave pints of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank. Junior Chamber of Commerce members sponsored a key drive throughout the Company, and turned in a klinking harvest of old metal. The Gas Post, American Legion, started early in 1942 to cooperate in a "Smokes for the Yanks" drive, and ended its year's war activities by launching a large scale drive for old radios for the Signal Corps.

Off to South America

What is undoubtedly the most unusual civilian war assignment for a gas man during the year was that undertaken by Vice President J. A. Cunningham, now on leave of absence from the Company. His duties under Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones have taken him into several South American countries and up the mighty Amazon to investigate certain matters relative to the country's rubber situation.

Numerous "Share the Ride" groups sprouted like spring mushrooms throughout the organization when the rubber tire conservation program was announced. Transportation committees functioned at various locations where large numbers of employes leave and arrive at work simultaneously, helping to organize a "round robin" schedule for those who drive from areas where public transportation is not available.

Stimulated by the War Bond Victory Contest, sponsored by Gas News last spring, almost a hundred employe Victory-Gardeners turned the virgin sod of Chicago's vacant property into a lush growth of edibles. As one gardener put it: "The good food produced by spare-time gardeners makes just that much more for our fighting forces and allies."

Because of modesty on the part of many, the total number of gas workers who are doing after-hour work for Uncle Sam will never be known. However, it is a safe estimate that the combined 1942 war effort of our soldiers of the civilian front amounts to a considerable contribution. Moreover, there are clear indications that more and more gas folk are finding various ways to help this country through the greatest struggle of its entire history.

Over sixty Peoples Gas girls have volunteered to devote their spare time to selling War Stamps in the lobby of the Roosevelt Theatre on a regular schedule. Doris Tryon and Shirley Kaiser, Personnel, are shown making a sale.

These gas men are among the many who share their cars going to and from work. This group, starting for home from North District are, left to right: John Patterson; John Dolan; John Angelo; Roland Jones; and the driver, James Burke.

Home Service—War-time Nutrition Counselor

The American housewife has a job on her hands—one which has been growing in size, in importance, and in complexity during the war-filled days since Pearl Harbor. That job is the feeding of a nation of war workers —men and women who must have a nutritious diet now as never before.

In the Chicago area the Gas Company's Home Service department is backing these housewives one hundred per cent. From peace-time advisor to Chicago women, the department has rapidly converted to the role of war-time nutrition counselor.

The housewife's job today is far from an easy one. For years she has had available a constantly enriched market of new and tempting food products. But now this same housewife is faced with a stringent war economy. There are shortages to contend with, substitutes for this and that, higher prices, and a rapidly decreasing variety of foods. Women are fast discovering that nutrition and meal planning can no longer be a hit and miss proposition.

Chicago Housewives Meet Challenge

Perhaps the best evidence of the determination of Chicago housewives to meet the challenge of war-time food problems is reflected in the activities of the Home Service department. Since Pearl Harbor the battery of telephones in the department has been ringing with greater insistence than ever. The calls coming in, an average of 150 a day, are from housewives who ask for meat-stretching recipes or meat alternates; sugar substitutes and how to use them; information about nutrition; inquiries about conservation—not only of food, but of clothing and equipment as well. During canning season last year, the calls hit an all-time high with an average of over 2,000 a week. It was apparent that Chicago housewives realized the importance of canning home produce to alleviate war-time food problems.

Nutrition Centers Prove Helpful

In March, 1942, one of the first Nutrition Centers in Illinois began its career in the Company's Michigan Avenue store. It proved so popular that before long the stores at 63rd Street and at Irving Park had their own Nutrition Centers. Here the housewives come with their individual war-time cooking problems and with questions about nutrition.

The Nutrition Centers are literally centers of food facts; sources of information about nutrition for thousands of Chicago housewives.

During the past year the Red Cross has used the main office auditorium for training hundreds of staff assistants. Many members of the Home Service staff are certified Red Cross nutrition teachers and assist this organization in its training program. The American Women's Volunteer Society has used Home Service facilities for its courses in war-time cooking. Once a week there have been classes on the same subject for Gas Company friends and customers. These weekly classes are also held at the 63rd Street, Irving Park, and Roseland stores. The Office of Civilian Defense has made the Home Service auditorium its center for training Consumer Information Wardens. These women receive specialized training in war-time cooking and related problems. This information they take back to the women in their neighborhoods and to the various Consumer Information Centers.

But . . . this education program, intensive as it has been, is only the beginning. Changing a nation's food habits is a slow and tedious process. And now, to further complicate matters, the point rationing system has gone into effect and with it a wave of kitchen-jitters. However, Chicago housewives are finding that Home Service is ready and able to help them with their ration problems just as it has helped them with all other cooking problems during the department's twenty years of service.

O.C.D. Begins Cooking Schools

On March 17, the Consumer Information Service of the O.C.D. began a special series of cooking schools in the Home Service auditorium, the theme of which is "Cooking on 48 Points a Month." Members of the Home Service staff and representatives of Chicago's various food industries are assisting in the demonstrations, which are designed to help the housewife provide her family with an adequate and nutritious diet despite the limitations imposed by the war effort.

Thus, through the various agencies mentioned above, and through the efforts of the Home Service experts, the news is getting 'round; the way to nutritious war-time meals is growing clearer to many a housewife lost in a maze of food rationing, restrictions, and substitutions.

The photographer didn't interrupt the activities of the home service experts when he took this candid shot. Caught in the act of helping Mrs. Chicago with her war-time cooking problems are: Janet McDonald; Roberta Jolly; Caren Fladoes, director of the department; Marilyn Miller; and Nellie Fredeen.

"HOME TIES" FOR OUR SERVICEMEN

It will be a great day when our boys come marching home. During 1942, 397 of them joined the Armed Forces. That number almost doubled itself during the first two months of 1943, and in the group were five girls.

Until these men and women return, the Gas Family is seeing that they don't miss out on what's happening on the home front. The various departments have been writing bushels of letters to their friends in Service. The replies they've been receiving proved so interesting that in March, 1942, GAS NEWS inaugurated a feature called, "Letters from our Men in the Armed Forces," which has had a steadily growing popularity. There have been letters from Alaska, from Australia, from Africa, and Hawaii—as well as many others from unidentified parts of the world.

Wrapping gifts for their men in the Service is a regular activity for these Bookkeeping Section employes. They are: Edward Frick, Charles Schmalholz and Al. Nona, chairman of the committee.

On July 21, the Company dedicated its Servicemen's plaque which stands in Customers Hall, flanked on either side by the American flag. As the days go by, and more and more names are added to the plaque, it is a reminder to those of us on the home front of the duty we owe our men and women in the Armed Forces.

Long before Christmas there was a flurry of mailing gifts to these fighting men. Each department remembered its Servicemen in one way or another. The Company sent a $5.00 Christmas remembrance to each of them. GAS NEWS had a Chicago artist design a special greeting card which was mailed to all points of the compass. From the replies which have been received since then, it is apparent that the sincere and heartfelt Christmas wishes of the Gas Family reached across the miles and made many a Serviceman a little happier, a little more convinced that he was fighting for just such things as Christmas, and for just such people as his friends at the Gas Company.

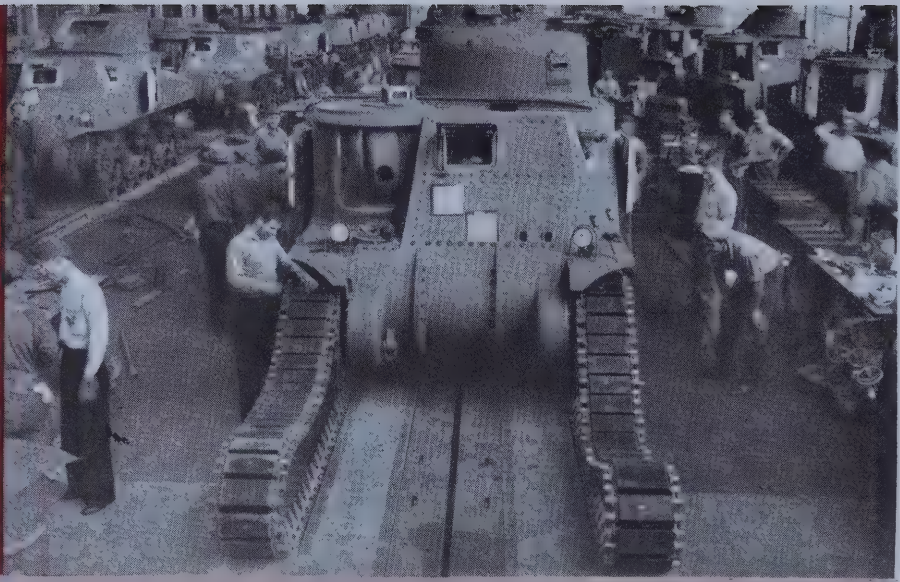
Each month the Company magazine, GAS NEWS, is mailed to all the Servicemen. No matter how late or how battered the copy is when it finally reaches its destination, it is eagerly read by all the boys, many of whom have told the GAS NEWS staff that the magazine is one of their favorite pieces of mail.

Departmental activities are as numerous and varied as the departments themselves. To mention a few—the Chicago District Pipeline, a winner in the recent Safety contest, voted to distribute their award among the eleven men in Service from that department. Employes of the Meter Reading department donate the uniform pressing money they receive each month to a Servicemen's fund.

These are typical examples of what is being done throughout the Company for our Servicemen. They're examples of the "home ties" so important to every man and woman in Service; the communication lines which lead from the Gas Company to its employes all over the world; the paths which will enable our boys to find their way back to normal, peace-time living.

Circulating letters from men in the Armed Forces has been simplified by the use of this rack at Central District. Art Strohm, Tom O'Connell and Anton Paulsen look over some of the letters on file.

Copies of Gas News are mailed First Class in special envelopes to our Gas men and women in the Armed Forces. Ruth Sblewski and Esther Fredrick are shown stuffing the envelopes.



Gas fuel is widely used for heat treatment in the production of tanks, aircraft, ships, ammunition, ship fittings of every description, guns and gun mounts, heavy forgings, the processing of foods for our men in the Armed Forces, the manufacture of their clothes, and many other items of war. The picture shows a tank production line in a Chicago plant.

Gas Fuel STRENGTHENS THE SINEWS OF WAR

One of the most important war jobs facing this company is that of keeping gas fuel flowing to the various industries now entirely engaged in the production of war materials. The 29 per cent wartime increase in industrial gas sales significantly indicates the extent to which gas heat is connected with the manufacture of fighting equipment. Through our mains and services this vital commodity is flowing day and night to strengthen the sinews of war.

During 1942, our Company supplied over fifty-eight million therms of gas to its industrial customers, most of whom were engaged in some form of war production work. This amount of gas would be sufficient to supply the city of Milwaukee and several of the towns nearby with gas fuel for a whole year.

Many New Plants

Since the beginning of 1942, twenty-three firms which opened new plants in the Chicago area purchased new gas equipment for the manufacture of tanks, ships and aircraft, as well as innumerable miscellaneous items for the Army and Navy. One of them is the Dodge Chicago Plant, the largest of its kind in the world.

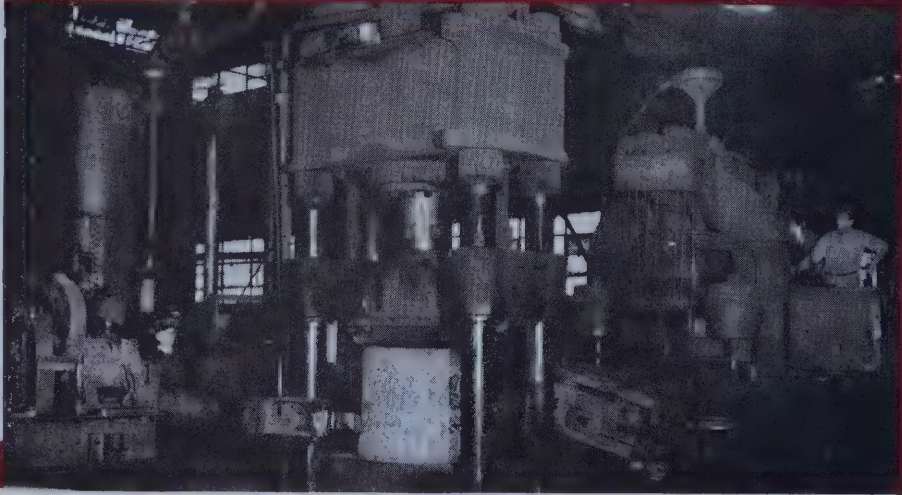
The Gas Company's interest in its industrial customers does not end with the extension of mains and services, and the installation of proper metering equipment to accommodate the anticipated requirements of the manufacturers. An experienced and trained staff of industrial gas engineers make it their business to see that these armament makers obtain maximum efficiency from the Company's product.

These industrial gas engineers serve Chicago's war industries in the three following ways: (1) by assisting the customer's engineers (or the architect in the case of new construction) to plan an adequate gas distribution system for the plant; (2) by aiding the customer's representatives in the selection of suitable furnace equipment as well as accessory controls to accommodate the heating operations involved; and (3) by adjusting or supervising the adjustment of gas burning equipment in the customer's plant to secure maximum rate and quality of production.

Breaking the Camel's Back

Nothing is so important as winning this war, that is the premise upon which our whole organization operates. The production of arms and ammunition, or lack of it, can easily mean the difference between a victorious nation and one forever bound in the chains of defeat. Our job well done, might be the straw that will break the Axis camel's back. That's why our gas men are constantly "on their toes" providing the fuel that strengthens the sinews of war.

The picture below, taken by a U. S. Navy photographer, shows the interior of a plant in the Chicago area which is devoting its full time to the manufacture of Navy supplies. The huge drop forge in the picture is fed by massive machines with great pincer-like claws.



HEALTH OUR *watchword* FOR VICTORY

THE IMPACT of war is being felt with increasing force by Americans all over the globe. On the home front the tempo of our lives is greatly accelerated. Many of us, working harder than ever before in war industries, are carrying additional burdens of wartime civilian defense activities, First Aid training, and Red Cross work. We're gradually learning to do without, and to make what we have do. And . . . . we are realizing that none of this is possible without good health—a factor which someone has described as "our first line of defense."

In the Gas Company, the Medical department is carrying on with "business as usual." Despite a decreasing staff (for doctors are not exempt from the draft!) there was no retrenchment in the department's activities in 1942.

Periodic physicals were continued during the year with over seven hundred employes being examined, a total which includes all the shop and station men. Often an examination brings to light an ailment which the employe himself didn't realize he had. And often it is a means of determining whether or not a certain type of work is detrimental to an employe's health. If it were discovered, for example, that a laborer had serious heart trouble, he would be transferred, upon the Medical department's recommendation, to a job requiring less physical exertion. Also, the Medical department cooperates with the Safety section in minimizing industrial hazards. Nothing is overlooked, nothing is left to chance, in the department's campaign for good health among Company employes.

Over 10,000 employe-patients visited the department during 1942. Upper respiratory illnesses accounted for most of these visits, with gastro intestinal upsets the second largest offender.

There were 700 inductotherm treatments given during the year—shortwave heat treatments which anyone suffering from a rheumatic or arthritic ailment would gladly pay many dollars for. However, this service is free to injured Company employes—another expression of the expert medical attention they receive.

One of the department's most expensive and valuable pieces of equipment is its X-ray machine which finds out more inside information than a Washington correspondent. During 1942 approximately 2,000 X-rays were made. Any shop or station injury is X-rayed immediately to insure the employe against complications which a wrong treatment might cause. Chest films are made regularly, especially of the men in the Operating Division, to protect employes from the risk of an undetected lung infection.

From the department emanates timely medical advice—in the form of bulletins, talks, and articles in GAS NEWS. Last summer, for example, the doctors campaigned against heat prostration. It is to the credit of employes, who heeded their advice, that very few cases went on record. In the Operating Division especially, a noticeable decrease in this major hot weather sickness was evident.

Another contribution to our employes' health are the laboratory examinations—1,673 of them during 1942. These examinations are both for diagnostic and pre-employment purposes and include a blood count, a urinalysis, and a blood chemistry. And finally, there are the Visiting Nurses, who called on 5,366 employe-patients.

This comprehensive medical program, as outlined above, has an inestimable value—particularly during war. Gas Company employes, engaged as they are in vital war work, must protect their health. Cooperating with them every inch of the way is one of the most progressive medical departments in U. S. industry.

A typical early morning scene in the Medical department—all the chairs in the waiting room filled; all the staff on hand to take care of the patients as quickly as possible.

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A Retrospective Glance At Our Business Operations For The Year 1942

CONSOLIDATED 1942 Gas Sales revenues increased 4.95 per cent over the year 1941. Total operating revenues amounted to $44,881,516.54. The quantities of gas in therms sold to all customers during the year were 14.44 per cent greater than in the previous year. The total number of therms sold during 1942 for all purposes amounted to 895.789,923.

There was an increase in therms sold in each of the various classifications of our general customers during 1942, the overall increase for these customers as a group being 8.52%.

The increase in the quantity of gas sold to the various classes of our general customers during the year has been attributed to an increase in number of domestic customers, colder weather and increased industrial activity due to war work.

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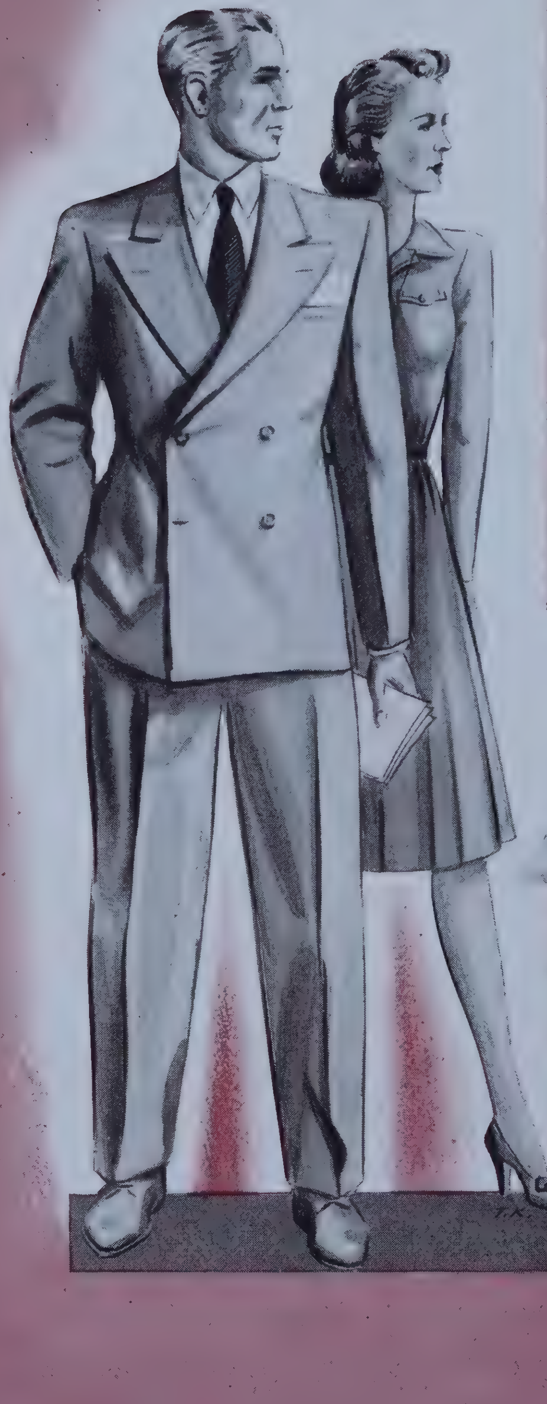
ADDITIONS to property, plant, and equipment aggregating $1,511,307.83 were made during the year. This consisted principally of improvements and extensions to the Company's production and distribution facilities. The book value of mains, services, and other property retired from service during the year amounted to $885,991.56. The properties have been maintained in excellent condition.



The Company owned thes properties, investments, mat rials, and cash at the end the year 1942.

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Utility Plant and Equipment $151,842,000

Office Building and other property $8,289,000
Investments $9,041,000
Other Assets $307,000

Cash and U. S. Treasury Notes $14,500,000
Receivables $4,790,000
Materials and Supplies.....$3,003,000
Deferred Charges, Etc........$955,000

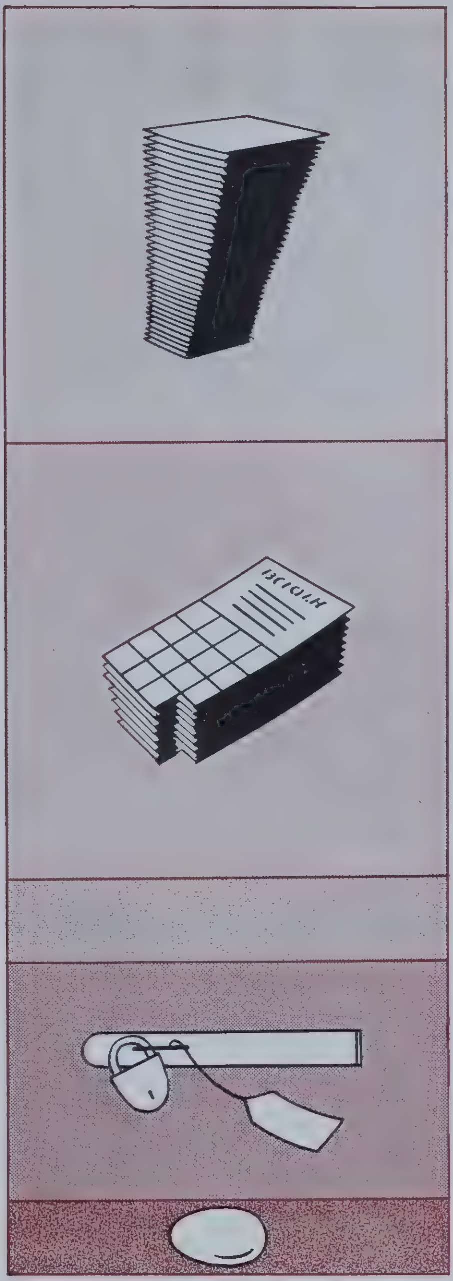
Capital Stock $65,600,000

Long Term Debt $66,311,000

Accounts Payable, Taxes Accrued, Interest Payable, Etc. $13,081,000

Reserves $35,884,000

Surplus $11,851,000



The Company owed or had reserved these amounts at the end of 1942, plus the stockholders' interest in the Company.

THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES

OPERATING expenses and taxes showed an increase of $2,687,869.40 over 1941. The cost of natural gas decreased about $2,000,000, due to a reduction in rates for natural gas purchased by our Company. The provision for federal income and excess profits taxes increased $4,000,000 over 1941. Operating expenses were also increased as a result of wage and salary increases during 1942. Taxes of all kinds accrued against the year's operations amounted to approximately $16.17 per share, as compared with $9.32 per share for the year 1941.

CONSOLIDATED net income for the year amounted to $6.10 per share on the capital stock outstanding. This is less per share than was earned in 1941, but more per share than the earnings of each of the years 1938, 1939, and 1940.

Four quarterly dividends of $1.00 were paid on each share of stock outstanding during 1942, representing a combined payment during the year of $2,624,000.00. As of December 31, 1942, the Company had 13,515 stockholders, compared with 13,545 as of the same date in 1941.

WE SAVED TIME *with* SAFETY

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EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND MAN-YEARS is a long time. With it, we could build a whole fleet of warships. According to safety experts, that is the amount of valuable time wasted due to accidents in the United States during 1942—our first year of World War II. This waste of manpower occurred at a time when, according to Paul V. McNutt, Chairman of the War Manpower Commission, "We cannot afford to lose one single day of work that can possibly be saved."

Our Company records prove that time can be saved through safety. A few examples of this fact are in the perfect records of some of our departments during 1942. The Chicago District Pipeline Company, the Research and Testing Division, and the 22nd Street Station are shining examples. Substantial reductions in days lost due to injuries, compared with previous years, ranged from 80 per cent in the Stores department to 10 per cent at Crawford Station, Calumet Station, the Claim, and Meter Repair departments.

Other outstanding safety records were made by South District, with a record of fewer days lost amounting to 72 per cent; Meter Reading, 62 per cent; Warehouse Building, 60 per cent; North District, 46 per cent; Central District, 37 per cent; and 110th Street Station, 20 per cent. This shows what can be done when both management and employes are "safety minded."

Two Trips to The Moon

Nearly two and a half million miles were covered on the streets of Chicago by the Company's vehicles last year—equivalent to two trips to the moon. Notwithstanding all this truck and car mileage, our drivers produced a very good record, registering a 42 per cent decrease in non-chargeable accidents. This was accomplished in the face of a 29 per cent increase in the mileage driven per chargeable accident. The driving record improvement is greater than was anticipated on the basis of the reduction in total mileage driven.

For the benefit of employes who desired to learn First Aid, fourteen standard Red Cross First Aid courses were conducted under our Safety Section's sponsorship. For the first time, separate courses were held for women, due to the large number who displayed an interest in that subject since our entry into the war. About 98 per cent of the aggregate class membership received certificates from the American Red Cross.

The mandatory wearing of safety shoes by men doing work hazardous to feet during 1942 has prevented foot injuries in at least 12 cases. In 14 other cases, safety shoes decreased the severity or extent of injury. Most instances where injuries to the feet are averted by wearing of safety shoes are not reported to the Safety Section, and the available figures do not indicate the true value of this protection to the workers.

Goggles supplied by the Company have saved an eye for at least five employes during the year. James J. Gaughan, whose picture appears on this page, is the latest employe indebted to the protection of goggles for the saving of his priceless eyesight.

Studies of our personal injury accidents have indicated that personal factors were the main cause in many accidents. Each of us can control the personal factors in any environment by increased care and alertness. By that means, danger can be avoided and accidents prevented.

Last year we saved time with safety. This year, with its manpower shortages, and the other exigencies of war, a better safety record on the part of Gas Company employes will be a direct contribution toward Victory. The brief list of reminders published on this page are the "A B C's" of accident prevention. The act of making them a daily habit will lower our accident rate for 1943.

Safety Reminders

Clothing

1 Suitable for environment
2 Wear safety shoes
3 Wear safety goggles

Health

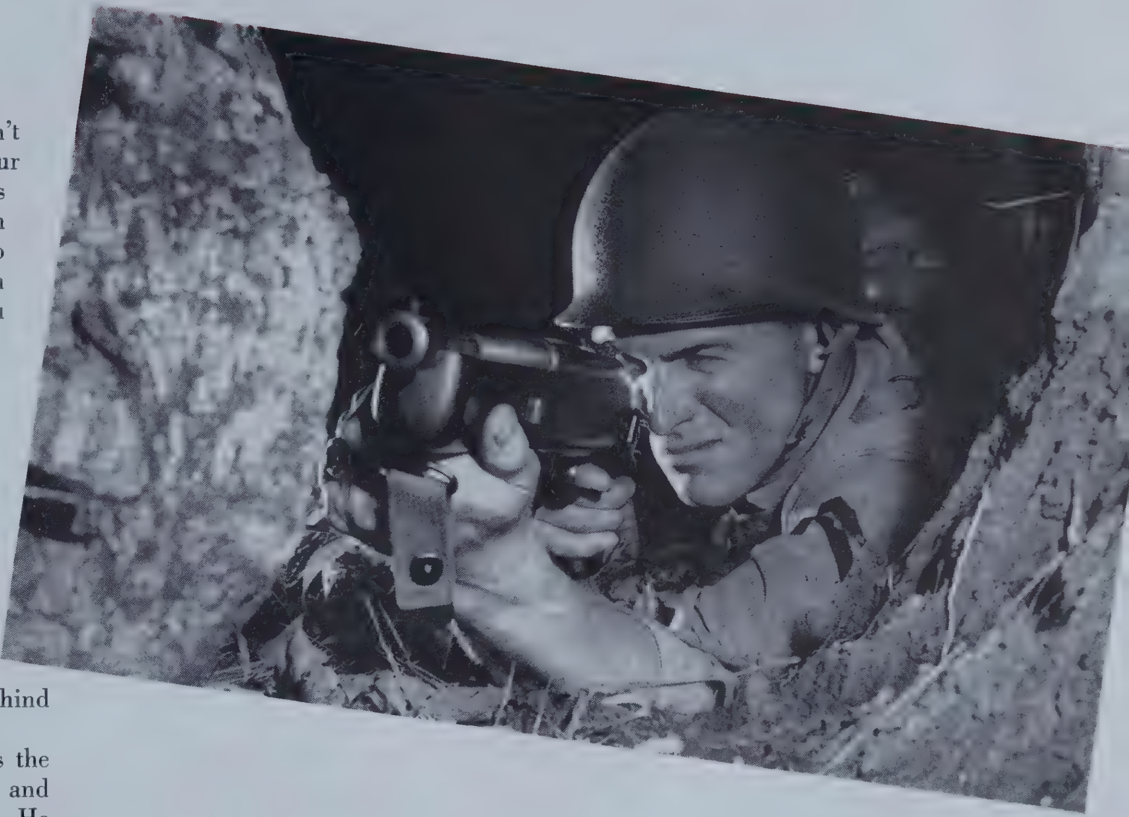
1 Eat wisely
2 Get enough sleep
3 Exercise for health
4 Be an optimist

Work Habits

1 Sell yourself on safety
2 Follow safe practices
3 Use common sense
4 Correct your unsafe habits

James J. Gaughan

Straight from the Shoulder



By a Ten Percenter

THE man behind the gun doesn't need an introduction. He's your kid brother whose homesick letters come from "somewhere in North Africa." He's your husband who writes that he's gaining weight on Army rations. He's that boy you were going to marry until the war made you postpone your plans.

Yes . . . we all know him. We've all watched him march off to war. "Good-bye," we said. "Take care of yourself." And we wrote letters and sent batches of cookies to him, and knitted socks and sweaters. And we fussed and worried. And some of us prayed. And some of us got down to work and figured out the best way to help that man behind the gun.

What he needs, we reasoned, is the best equipment American money and American ingenuity can produce. He needs speedy planes, sound ships, powerful tanks. He needs bullets and tons of explosive calling cards. Given those, in sufficient quantities, the man behind the gun will give the enemy triumvirate a licking they'll never forget. Sure—it'll take money—a lot of it. But there's a dime from every dollar we earn that says they can do it!

So we signed up for the Payroll Deduction plan and began loaning the government 10 per cent of our salaries. Somehow we feel that every Bond we buy is a share in Victory. Somehow, too, we know that buying Bonds is the best sort of moral and material encouragement we can give that man behind the gun.

And there is still another reason we're marching our dollars off to war. Some day this fight will be over. When that day comes, there will be a period of readjustment from wartime to peacetime economy. That's the time when we'll need some extra money. That's the time when our dollars will march home again—four for every three we have put into War Bonds. Buying Bonds, we've decided, is more than a patriotic duty. It's the finest investment we can make—bar none.

That's why we can't understand the "let George do it" attitude, the "pass the buck" finesse which is so evident in the Bond buying record of Company employes.

We wish we could say in this Annual Report that the Gas Company had a splendid record of payroll deductions for bonds in 1942. However, the record is considerably under the 10 per cent goal.

This is not a particularly outstanding contribution. We would like to see the record more nearly approximate 10 per cent. However, we all must recognize the heavy cost to the Government in issuing and redeeming bonds, so that purchasers who are buying merely for the attainment of the goal rather than for the purpose of *holding* these bonds, are not achieving the objective of the 10 per cent drive.

But we can do better! Review your budget—prepare to pull in your belt another notch!

Letters FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Tom Size
50th Ferrying Squadron
St. Joseph, Missouri

Well, you asked for it, and here it is, a most recent picture taken on my last trip when I went coast to coast, first to West Palm Beach and then to Long Beach. Of course, it may seem funny to be wearing an outfit like that down in those nice warm climates, but up in the air, at 16,000 ft., it gets quite cold.

In my job, I'm always moving about in one of those four engine bombers to see that everything is operating properly. I flew into Chicago a few weeks ago but only stayed about five minutes—didn't even get a chance to call home.

Central District's Tom Size

Cpl. Jack Voorn
Pvt. Tom Dimond
Class 13 B Room 92
Northern Hotel
Fort Collins, Colorado

Two Gas Company soldiers thought we would write this letter because we feel we have "one for the books." Pvt. Dimond of the Domestic Sales department was stationed at Camp Grant for nine weeks and then shipped to an Air Corps Replacement Center at Keesler Field, Mississippi. Upon Cpl. Voorn's entry into the Army he found himself sitting next to Tom on the train that was heading for Mississippi.

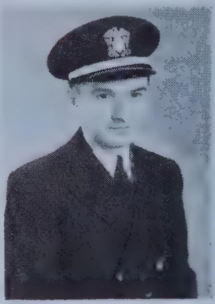
We were bunk-mates there for three weeks and then found ourselves again on the same train heading for Fort Collins, Colorado. We are now bunking together in the same room in the Northern hotel, attending the same class in Administration (Air Corps). Jack is a Flight Leader and Tom is in his class—all of which is something of a miracle.

We'd like to hear from our many friends in Service.

They Left for Service During February

Aldenhoevel, Larry
Anderson, G. C.
Bauer, Donald F.
Becker, Donald M.
Beeson, Roy H. P.
Brust, John F.
Carey, Richard B.
Casper, Richard T.
Concagh, James W.
Costagli, Blas V.
Cunningham, G. V.
Cusack, Stephen
Dineen, James F.
Eaton, Stanley F.
Fredericksen, R.
Heneghan, T. A.
Gallagher, Bernard
Gogola, Ralph C.
Hale, Grover J.
Jones, Robert L.
Kaufhold, John A.
Kelley, Charles H.
Lydon, William P.
Mayer, Irven F.
Mc Carthy, T. P.
McNicholas, T. J.
Meyer, William T.
Munson, Edward W.
O'Byrne, William G.
Potenberg, R. W.
Schmid, John W.
Shields, James D.
Stevens, John R.
Streit, Marie A.
Sullivan, Eugene R.
Thomas, W. W.
Williamson, Frank
Wolf, Joseph J. Jr.
Yauch, Roy M.
Zartl, Michael R.
Zink, Edward E.
Ziemba, Edward S.

Lt. R. L. Jones Reports for Duty



R. L. Jones

Robert L. Jones, formerly Assistant Superintendent of the Customers Order department, who has been on leave of absence for the past six months and has been serving as Assistant Executive Officer of the Chicago Ordnance District, has received an appointment in the United States Naval Reserve as Lieutenant (j.g.) and reported to Quonset Point, Rhode Island, on February 23.

It's Lt. Andrews Now

Information has been received that Lt. George Andrews, pictured below with his bride, was married in Forest Park November 28, 1942. George, formerly of the Accounting department, began his Army career January 15, 1942; went to Officers' Training School at Camp Davis, North Carolina; and is now a 1st Lieutenant.

Lt. and Mrs. George Andrews

Tennis Committee Making Plans For Club Players

Whether you are under 21 or over 41, whether you play a smashing game or "act your age," your Tennis Committee can provide you with suitable competition. Do you prefer to play after work, or would Saturday appeal to you? Those are the questions which your Tennis Committee would like to have answered so that plans can be made for an early seasonal start. Girls are urged to call Dorothy Crane on 453; men are asked to call Michael Nolan, on Local 360.

Girls' Jamboree Social To Be Held April 29

Feminine employes will welcome the announcement of their own annual Girls' Party with as much enthusiasm as they welcome the chirp of robins in the spring. It's their big event of the year. The Gas Club Girls' Committee set the date for April 29; the place will be Tracy's Stevens Building Restaurant, and dinner starts promptly at 6:30. Watch next issue for further details.

Retired from Service March, 1943

Patrick Cunningham
  Meter Shop, 33 years, 3 months
William Lundgren
  Stores Dpt., 20 years, 10 months
John B. McGinley
  Credit & Collection, 36 years, 3 months
August J. Tonneman
  Stores Dpt., 15 years, 1 month
Ralph Toscano
  Peoples Gas Bldg., 24 years, 11 months

Service Anniversaries

35 YEARS

Quinlan, Patrick—South District.
Warner, Walter H.—Central District.
Steege, Russel B.—Customers Order.
Hinckley, Wlliam O.—Transportation.

30 YEARS

Miczek, Stanley—North Station.
Winter, William A.—Meter Reading.
Janega, John—Peoples Gas Building.

25 YEARS

Laude, Herman M.—Credit & Collection.
Toscano, Ralph—Peoples Gas Building.
Shuma, Edward J.—Domestic Sales.
Kleidon, Walter W.—Central District.
Ublasi, Frank P.—Meter Shop.

Gas Club To Aid Victory Gardeners

Classes Scheduled for Employes Planning to Grow Vegetables

Food rationing means that there must be more and better Victory Gardens in 1943. Many points can be saved in the ration book with the produce derived from a garden plot, and at the same time, gardeners can enjoy the taste of freshly grown food right from their own plants. Much of the food grown in the garden can be preserved for winter use.

Plans for the Victory garden should be made as soon as possible. Only the recommended vegetables should be planted, and none of the garden space should go to waste. Much valuable information for gardeners will be presented in the daily press, and supplemental material, prepared by the State Council of Defense, will be distributed to all employes who will send their names to the Garden Chairman of the Club. Also those who would be interested in attending classes for gardening instruction are urged to send their names to Garden Chairman William A. Schueler, Customers department, Local 845.

Because of the demand for seed this year, some varieties may become scarce. The Garden Committee suggests that the seed be purchased from a reliable dealer as soon as possible. Cheap seed is a doubtful economy. The Committee has established contact with a reliable grower of field grown vegetable plants. As it will be necessary for the Committee to order these plants in large quantities, we suggest that gardeners combine their orders with other gardeners in their own or other departments. All orders must be in by April 1, and cash or check must accompany.

In place of the prizes for Victory Gardens, as distributed last year, two competitive shows will be staged in the Gas Building under Gas Club sponsorship. One will be held in June for the early vegetables, and another in September for the later crops. Prizes will be awarded to employes at both shows.

Pictured above is the collection of odd and assorted radios contributed by Company employes in the Gas Post's recent drive. Stanley Modzikowski, Commander of the Post, stands in the background with members of the U. S. Signal Corps, as they look over the sets which will be used by student radio technicians.

LIVES TO BE SAVED WITH YOUR RED CROSS WAR FUND DONATIONS

President George F. Mitchell, Chairman of the Utility Section of the Red Cross War Fund Drive, appeals to Gas Company employes to help achieve this year's goal.

During the latter part of February, the opening gun in the annual Red Cross War Fund drive was fired, a drive which is intended to bring forth from the Chicago area its quota of $8,750,000. Out of the area's quota, $550,000 has been assigned to the utility companies and their employes in Cook County, Dupage County, and the southern half of Lake County.

That's a lot of money—but balanced against the lives of our boys which that money can save on the battlefields—who can say that it is too high a price? Certainly we can't—sitting in the safety of our homes—and regardless of what we may feel we are sacrificing on the home front, it can never compare with the huge price which some of those boys are paying out there on the far-flung battlefronts.

Put it this way, if you will, "Would you rather give your life—or would you rather give your money?"

The Army and Navy require 5,300,000 pints of blood of which the Chicago quota is 5,000 pints per week. That means literally BLOOD BY THE TON!

The Red Cross must recruit 35,000 nurses for the Armed Services in 1943. Your Red Cross must furnish 520,000,000 surgical dressings during 1943.

Your Red Cross furnished over a million prisoner-of-war packages up to December, 1942. The Chicago packaging unit is now packing over 8,000 of such parcels EVERY DAY.

Millions of children in Europe, Asia, and Africa must be helped by your Red Cross. For instance, Red Cross aid to China is estimated to have benefited over 1,600,000 Chinese children.

Your Red Cross has already given direct help to over one million Servicemen or their families, and this help ranges from paying rent and hospital fees to furnishing transportation.

Your Red Cross has established over 150 clubs and rest centers overseas and over 175 hospital recreation buildings—in addition to providing 1,800 sun-rooms in military hospitals.

One of the most impressive services of the Red Cross, and one which must continue in war or peace, is its operations in connection with disaster relief. Most of us are unfamiliar with the fact that during 1942, disaster relief set a new record and met 50 tornados, 45 floods, 34 fires, and 21 explosions. Disaster relief was given in 44 of 48 states and is called upon once every 48 hours throughout the United States.

Million Requests for Aid

During the 14-month period ended February 28, more than a million requests for aid were received from men in the Armed Forces and close to half a million from their families. In addition to this staggering total, field directors went to bat for 70,000 ex-Service men or their families, and chapters helped an additional 135,000 veterans or their dependents. And as though this were not enough, the Red Cross helped relieve the distress of 115,000 civilian families, not counting those aided in disasters.

Each Red Cross chapter is responsible for the men from its chapter area whether they are in this country, whether they are abroad, or whether they are in an enemy prison. Chicago—with more men in service than *any* other chapter—has a bigger Red Cross job than any other city in the country. Each department of the Red Cross is expanding every day and receiving more and more calls.

The Red Cross motto in this drive is "The Wounded Can't Wait." They can't—it depends upon your contributions in this drive as to whether or not your sons, relatives, or friends who are fighting out on the battlefronts receive the attention that they so urgently require. Give—give until it "makes you feel good."

Cornelia Titus and Harry Foley Receive New Appointments

Effective as of March 1, Cornelia A. Titus, Senior Clerk Stenographer in the Personnel department, was appointed Secretary of the Suggestion Committee, according to an announcement to officers and department heads on February 23.

H. F. Foley

C. A. Titus

Harry F. Foley, Secretary of the Suggestion Committee, was appointed Executive Office Assistant, in the Personnel department, after 17 years of service in the Company's Employe Relations department.

Kiely Turns Sleuth To Return Lost Purse

While working in front of 3639 W. Lexington Avenue, Andrew Kiely, street mechanic of Central District, found a purse containing $20 and a currency exchange stub. Mr. Kiely checked the names on all mailboxes in the vicinity, but failed to locate the owner. Undaunted, and still determined to find the owner, he called the currency exchange, which found the correct address. Kiely then returned the money to the loser. Nice going, Andy.

Gas Ads

Wanted to buy—used typewriter of standard make and in good condition. Reasonably priced. Call local 460. Helgeson, Room 1508.

For Sale: One 18th century dining set; 7 pieces; mahogany. Call Edgewater 4225.

Wanted: Services of a sax or trumpet player to play at Club and Company affairs. Must be able to accompany without music. Robert Potthoff, Customers Order, local 2206-7-8.

EMPLOYE BENEFITS

The numerous employe benefits enjoyed by Peoples Gas employes, in the aggregate, represent invisible dollars in every paycheck. An employe might work for the Company for several years, for example, and never have need for sickness benefits, hospitalization, or tuition refunds; but they are there and available to all, invariably when the need for them is most urgent.

These employe benefits, some of them enjoyed by the whole Gas Family, others by a few during emergencies, did not diminish during 1942.

Life Insurance

A plan of group life insurance has been in operation in the Company since 1921. At present, almost eleven million dollars of life insurance coverage is in effect on employes and annuitants. Over half of this amount is paid for by the Company.

The gas men shown below did some heavy thinking last year and won War Bonds in the Company's year-long suggestion contest. The man immediately below and to the left is Robert Potthoff, who tied for third place with Edward McGraw, center right, winning a $25 War Bond. Nicholas Gaspar, center left, tied for second place with Millard Keller, bottom left, to take a $50 bond each. Francis Klawitter, bottom right, won first place in the contest and received a $100 War Bond.

During 1942, fifty-eight claims on death and permanent total disability were paid by the two insurance companies which underwrite the plan. This represents $139,000 in benefits.

Tuition Refunds

Due to the war, the number of our employes who have enrolled for courses applicable to college credits is less now than it was a year ago. During 1942, $1,636 was paid to 96 employes under the plan.

Knapp Fund

The G. O. Knapp Benevolent Fund was created in 1921, when Mr. Knapp, a former Company President, donated his pension for assistance to former and present needy employes. The Company has added to this fund for specific purposes. During 1942, $7,819.64 was drawn from the fund by the trustees.

Sickness Benefits

Any employe who has more than one year of credited service is eligible for payment of his full rate of pay for absence resulting from personal illness, subject to the terms of the Company's Sickness Benefit Plan. During 1942, absent time allowed for personal illness or injury amounted to approximately $184,300.

Military Leave of Absence

As of March 1, 1943, 617 employes were granted leaves of absence to serve in the Armed Forces. Company regulations with respect to such leaves of absence provide for compensation of one-half month's pay to employes having one year or more of service, and an allowance equal to one year's premium on an amount of government insurance equivalent to his gift coverage (at the time of entering upon the military leave of absence). During 1942, 397 employes went into the service. During the period, $22,954 was paid out in special compensation, and $3,408 in insurance premium allowances.

Vacations

The Company's vacation plan provides for regular vacations of two weeks with pay to employes who fulfill certain requirements as to length of service, and continuous employment. Additional days vacation are allowable to employes with fifteen or more years of service, subject to the terms of the plan. Approximately $361,000 was paid out in vacation expenses during the year 1942.

Hospitalization

Three years ago the Employes' Group Hospitalization and Surgical Benefit Plan was put into effect. This protection is available to all employes and their eligible dependents.

In 1942, 807 claims were paid—$32,700 to insured employes and $14,000 to dependents of insured employes.

Suggestions

Gas Company employes were alert during 1942 to find ways and means of improving Company procedures with the thought of economy uppermost. As a result, employes received a total of $2,399.00 for submitting 316 suggestions worthy of adoption. Seven of these awards brought a total of $650.00 to the authors.

In addition, 953 letter awards were granted during the year 1942. These letter awards explain the various reasons why the author's suggestion could not be put into practice.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Messenger Service

BY LUCY COAKLEY

We're all very anxious to see how Gloria Vielwock is going to get her knitting done now that she's leaving us to go to Correspondence . . . . And poor Marge Dougherty never will finish the rug she started in the Ante Room for she is now in Books . . . . The girls who moved from Messenger Service to the Ante Room are: Kay Welsh, Jayne Woods, Aileen Siblau, and Helen Tulla . . . . New girls in Messenger Service are: Edith Neelson, Valeria Larson, Bette Carlson, and Beatrice Lack.

Central District

BY WILTON BROWN

Presenting George Milburg, who was a service man at Central district prior to Uncle Sam's call. As you can guess from the clothes he's wearing, he is stationed in a very cold climate—to be exact, Alaska. The best of everything to our boy up in the cold North . . . . We welcome J. Angelo, J. Dolan, Sam Anthony, and Roland Jones from North District . . . . We also welcome Messrs. Tash, Ferressi, Coon, and Bascone from South District. We know that we will enjoy working together. . . . The bowling league is in the home stretch and April 23 will mark the final night.

George Milburg, former Central District service man, and a dawg—both well-insulated against the Alaskan cold.

Personnel Department

BY MARIAN BRYANT

Mary Lou Swigart and Marion Bona both enjoyed our three-day holiday in February—Mary Lou, in Middleton, Ohio, and Marion, in Peru, Illinois. . . . Mrs. Jack McIntosh, formerly Dorothy Pain of the Employe Record Section, paid us a short visit recently, looking fit as a fiddle. . . . The new face in the Library is that of Rosemary Steinwand who has succeeded Thomas McCarthy, now an apprentice seaman at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. . . . A letter received from Mike McNicholls announced his promotion to pharmacist's mate, 3rd class. . . . Bob Bing, after successfully completing his first two months of U. S. Signal Corps School, has been transferred to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. . . . Two sports enthusiasts, Joe and Tommy Hoberg, recently attended a basketball game. . . . Mr. Stetler is very busy working on the safety projects with the "Eight Ball Committee." . . . Congratulations to Cornelia Titus, newly appointed Secretary of the Suggestion Committee. Connie is the first woman to hold this position. . . . The first of March brought more snow and Miss Armstrong's birthday. We all celebrated this occasion by having a little drink (Coca Cola). . . . Circle April 29 on your calendars, girls. It's the date of this year's Girls' Party. . . . We were sorry to hear of the sudden death of Edith Fletcher, a former employe of Personnel, who passed away February 10.

Key Punch Section

BY PATRICIA BYRNE

In February, the shortest month of the calendar year, we saw: Helen Novak—a walking poster for the WAVES, "ashore" in Chicago. . . . Mary Baker back on the road to recovery. . . . the former Kathryn Burroughs and Ruth Ostling visiting. . . . three new-comers—Muriel Calton, Ann McTaggart, and Bernice Ziemet—welcomed to Key Punch. . . . Also during February, we heard: that Bill Sheehan returned to Chicago on sick leave due to a foot infection. (We hope it will be a furlough, Bill.) . . . that Marge Hendrickson made the Times again. . . . that Grace Wesley went skiing in the mountains around Salt Lake City, Utah. . . . and that Mary O'Donnell spent her vacation in Chicago. . . . We were sorry to hear that Marge Andretich resigned February 15. We'll miss you, Margie.

Division Station

BY MATT KENNEDY

To the new member of the Armed Forces, Ralph Gogola, who left last week, best of luck and a speedy return after completing that unpleasant but necessary job . . . . An innovation in poultry farming is offered by Chuck Harnisch. If you shoot him an order for eggs, he calmly sits in the henhouse to await filling of same. Perfect training and coordination, Chuck, but don't hoard the secret . . . . The accompanying photo is that of Al Marshall, proud father of no less than three men in the Service. It is a record to justify anyone's feeling of pride . . . . We are glad to see Harry Knabe in circulation again after an attack of the flu. Best wishes to Charlie Rebicki and Pete Wojack, who are on the sick list at present . . . . We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Michael Lynn and John O'Hara, annuitants and former associates at Division Station . . . . Norman Jacobson likes the food rationing program. Having had difficulty adhering to a diet to take off extra poundage, he thinks it will automatically be taken care of now . . . . A letter commending the boys at Division for their efforts in securing unused radios for our boys in the Armed Forces was received.

Al Marshall

Archives Department

BY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

We are glad to have Tony Abbott back after an absence of ten days due to a serious eye infection. . . . Gene Sullivan was called to the service of his country on February 11, and we have received a card from him from Fort Custer, Michigan, on which he mentions a furlough. What, a vacation on a vacation, Gene? . . . Our own Pvt. 1st Class John Smit paid us a welcome visit from camp in Georgia, and does he look fit as a fiddle. That outdoor life has surely worked wonders on Johnnie. . . . Mr. West announced the expansion of the Archives to storage space in the former Exhauster Building at 96th St. and Baltimore Ave. This room is sorely needed due to the increase in records now handled by the Archives. . . . Mr. Kenneth G. Ansley from the Controller's Department of the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant, LaPorte, Indiana, spent the morning of February 22 inspecting our setup. Mr. Ansley has in view the setting up of an Archives department, modeled after ours, and expressed great satisfaction over his visit.

Customers

BY RICHARD CAHILL

MART HERRING had quite a hilarious time a few weeks ago when an elderly lady called at the office, sat down at his desk, removed a six foot rubber hose from a shopping bag, handed him one end, stuck the other end in her ear and said, "Speak loudly, young man. I'm a little hard of hearing." . . . Jim Lomasney has transferred his talents to the Ediphone and at this writing is doing right well. Stick with the old mouthpiece, Jim. There is one consolation; it can't talk back to you. . . . Since her picture appeared in the Chicago Times, Dorothy Rees is busy answering fan mail. The movie stars have nothing on our Dot. She has received proposals from nearly every state in the Union. . . . Maybe in years to come you, Audrey Cody, will read this column. You are confused now when mother, with aching heart, tells you that daddy has passed away. But as the years go by, that ache will ease in mother's heart and she will tell you all about the wonderful daddy you had. Ray was all that mother says, little one, and more. Daddy was a quiet fellow. He lived just for mother, you, and his job. He was a hard worker and a good one. Everyone that knew him called him a friend and meant it. You will miss him, Audrey, and so will we, his friends and fellow employes.

Treasury and Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

WHEN F. WATKINS FARQUHAR and John Perkins left the Company on the 26th of February, several hundred of their friends attended the farewell party to wish them luck and to witness the presentation of their gifts — two beautiful wrist watches. A buffet supper and music by Rex Ford's orchestra completed the evening's entertainment. We all want to wish you both the best of everything and come back to see us often. . . . Compliments to Frederick Written, Ruth Campanale, and Ed Caulfield for doing a swell job with the arrangements. . . . Rex Ford is uncertain as to what branch of Service he will be assigned, but he reported to Uncle Sam on the 9th of March. Could be the Commandos, Rex? . . . Also on the departure list was Sam Bronstein, who was charmed by those "Uncle Sam Wants You" posters. Sam enlisted a few months ago and left on the 10th of March. . . . A late good-bye to John Brust who left on February 3 to enter the Navy's pre-flight school at Monmouth, Illinois. Best of luck to three swell fellows! . . . That starry-eyed look Helen Mosak's been wearing lately can be traced directly to her recent week-end visit in St. Louis with fiance Ted Levand.

Engineering

BY JULIEN JORDAN

NOW THAT SPRING is just around the corner (?) many of our people are becoming garden minded. They are figuring on plowing up a lot near by. Many theories have been advanced as to how to eliminate the damage caused by rabbits. One theory suggested is to plant twice as much as necessary and give half to the rabbits. Another way is to plant a row of soy beans around the garden patch. The rabbits like the soy beans so well that they will not go any farther into the garden. . . . Dave Lauzon has been having some trouble with an eye infection which has proved most uncomfortable. . . . Ed Malarkey has been confined to his home for a few days due to a bad cold.

Tabulating Section

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

MARCH, MARCH, MARCH—and so is the month. In fact, it's flying by . . . . Good to see S/C Petty Officer Bob Jordan and Lt. Lloyd Steinert in the office. Happy to hear from Frank Nash and Jimmy Shields. . . . If it isn't one thing, it's two for either Jean Van Dorn going to California, or Jean Brundage and Mabelle Bruzek heading for Florida . . . . Sincere good wishes to Dick Theml upon his obtaining a scholarship at Kimball Conservatory. . . . What girl walked off and left "How to Develop a Good Memory" on a cabinet all morning long? . . . Helen Nowak looked so cute in her "Wavey" blue uniform when she visited the department recently . . . . Eileen Brice's Mike came in on furlough from the state of Washington. Leonore Rousseau told us her Norman is now a Second Lt.

North Shop

BY BERNARD BENSON

NORTH DISTRICT held their Bowling get-together on February 22 at the Rollaway Alleys, Pulaski Road and Lawrence Avenue. Sixty-one men participated, including two full teams from the Meter Shop, one led by that genial, good-natured Ivan Anderson and the other by Charles Mitchell. Believe me boys, we were glad to have you, so don't forget to come again . . . . The star bowler of the three games was Jack Doughty, who spilled the maples for a nice 625 series. There was a lot of good-natured ribbing and friendly betting on the side. Of course, the old question arose regarding who could bowl the best; and Bill Jones, our general Street Foreman, still claims if his legs were the same age as his body, he could knock those pins over with the best. However, he enjoyed himself . . . . Another welcome guest was our old friend Larry Melsheimer who will admit at any time (without blushing) to be a better bowler than either Vanderlip or Zamirowski (mustache and all). Glad to have you, Larry. Hank Giblin of the Engineering department, we are glad to say, also came back home . . . . The gang on alleys 9 and 10 led by our Superintendent, J. A. Williamson, and the other by his worthy opponent, Assistant Superintendent P. G. Bruck, sure went to town. It would be hard to tell who was doing the best bowling—that is, if you include taps, splits, railroads, and misses with a few lucky strikes thrown in. Neither one will admit defeat, which, as all know, is the old North Shop spirit.

Bookkeeping

BY PHILIP CRIMMINS

THE COLD WEATHER didn't seem to bother Ruth O'Connor and Marion Ecker, as can be seen by their smiling faces, pictured in the snapshot below. . . . Mae Prinderville is looking grand after a vacation trip to Pennsylvania and New York. . . . Kate Wilson had a very good reason to be excited and who wouldn't be? Not many people can enjoy their vacations in sunny California at this time of year. . . . Walter Meng is on the sick list. We hope he will be back with us soon. . . . Uncle Sam will get two new soldiers in Dick Carey and Bill Savage. The best of luck to you both. . . . Remember Bob McKernan? Well, he is now Lt. McKernan. Bob paid us a visit and he not only looks great but reports that Army life is tops. . . .

Two representatives of Gas Company pulchritude, Ruth O'Connor and Marion Ecker.

That handsome soldier seen waiting for several days in succession was none other than Phylis Cryder's husband. . . . The department wishes to express its deepest sympathy to Frank Pfeifer in the loss of his mother.

South Sales Section

BY WALTER CAHILL

Lois Horlick, late of our Home Service department, made news in and on the WAVES when she was pictured in a local daily paper feeding lettuce to the rabbit mascot aboard the French cruiser Le Fantasque . . . . Shirley Nickelson Voorn has been transferred to the Michigan Avenue office.

Statistical

BY ELMER MICHAELS

Yes, we are still in circulation, although we have not been heard from in quite a while. Since the last editorial about the "Sticks," quite a number of changes have been made. We have said farewell to many of our fellow employes. Those who left for the Army were: Paul Coons, John Mullen, L. V. Simmons, Clarence White, and John Dolan; Myron Conley represents us in the Navy. Incidentally, Mary Ellen Weiss has been sworn in as a WAVE; congratulations are in store for one of the first girls in the Company to hold this honor.

South District

BY JOHN SCHULDT

Jack Harris, our stenographer, is South District's latest contribution to the Armed Forces. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and is getting his schooling out in sunny California . . . . Bob Gersch was in the Shop during February. He is still stationed at Scott Field in Southern Illinois . . . . A letter from Frank Newman states that he is hard at it at Camp J. T. Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas, where he is in training with his hospital unit . . . . Lt. Edward Heil is out on the East coast and Fred Conrad is at the Signal Corps school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. . . . The bowling season will soon be entering its final stages. The six game lead of the Ranges has been cut down to two games. The Torpedo Men are in second place and are followed by the Bombers.

Refining Plant

BY JUNIOR McGRAIL

The bowling team again is the center of attraction. Riding along in great style, the plant's team, composed of Messrs. Duke, Donnelly, Knoblauch, Sartori, and Wagner has risen to third place in the Central District League. Individual spurts by different members of the team on separate nights, with the other four members bowling their usual fine games, is the main reason for the surge upward. Further improvement is promised before the season closes—namely, FIRST PLACE! . . . Gordon "Andy" Anderson, Lab, left recently along with guard Bill O'Byrne for service in the U. S. Army. . . . It's not "Mr. Five By Five," but "Miss Five And Five" at the home of Charlotte and Jim Henrick, loader. Miss Mary Louise Henrick entered this world at five pounds, five ounces last month, and is found to possess an excellent pair of lungs, according to latest reports.

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

Congratulations, Lieutenant Thomas Casey! Tom was commissioned in February at the Army Finance Department's Officer Candidate School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. His 96 plus average placed him ninth in a class of one hundred and fifty which, no doubt, aided in his appointment as Assistant Adjutant of Finance Department Headquarters at Duke. . . . Tony DiLullo felt slightly uncomfortable in civilian clothes during his visit here. He had received his honorable discharge from the Coast Guard pending his re-enlistment into the Navy Air Corps. . . . From Captain Milan Vydareny of the Army Air Corps, we hear that he is on temporary duty attending Administration School at Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado. . . . Tom Kirby, now Corporal, was in from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on a three day pass. . . . We have taken into our midst Marjorie Voigt and Arthur Gramse, new department members, and have welcomed back Paul Schaar after a long illness.

Chicago District Pipeline

BY ED REED

The Pipeline was successful in coming through the Safety contest and winning a prize of fifty dollars. A vote among the employes was taken to determine what to do with the prize money and it was decided to divide it up and send it to our eleven boys in the Service. On learning of this proposal, the Safety Section came forward and donated five dollars so that each man would receive a five spot. We of the Pipeline appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Safety Section and join in extending our hearty thanks. . . . Lee Arnold has resigned as guard to accept a position elsewhere. . . . Roger Bartz has been called into the Service and has left the Company. . . . Milton Rogers and Tom Allen were on the sick list during the past month.

Photographic

BY MYRLE THATCHER

The Army stepped in and Al Walavich stepped out on March 10. We certainly miss Vic's right-hand photographer, and wish him the very best of luck while working for Uncle Sam. . . . We welcome Elmer Beckwith who is taking Al's place. . . . That old song, "There've Been Some Changes Made," certainly came true in the Photographic department. WOMEN—hired for the first time. Shirley Wright and Myrle Thatcher are the added photographic features. . . . Freddie Kann is vacationing early—probably because Uncle Sam might call him at any time. . . . Bob Hull is waiting—but patiently—for his classification. . . . The department presented Vic, our new "Advisor," with a desk set on Valentine's Day.

Methods and Routines

BY JOSEPHINE SCHECKEL

Those wandering zephyrs of a few weeks ago brought with them, to this department at least, a decidedly agricultural atmosphere. Harold Thorson, who together with his neighbors plans to convert a large empty lot into a Community Garden, has been put in charge of ploughing it—a dirt(y) deal. Harry Kaercher is settling down to the life of a country squire (in Glen Ellyn) and will spend his spare time cultivating a 50′ x 385′ lot, which is a lot of lot no matter how you look at it, and the longer I look at it, the longer it seems. Norm Schultz, Paul Connors, and Merlin Smith have also joined the movement, and under the tutelage of our inveterate yeoman, Jim Neill, something more than grass should ensue. Now, if someone would only develop a Ration Book No. 2 plant, we'd be all set.

Employes of South District gather around their contributions in the recent Gas Post drive for old radios and radio parts. Thomas Lysaught established a record by turning in nine sets.

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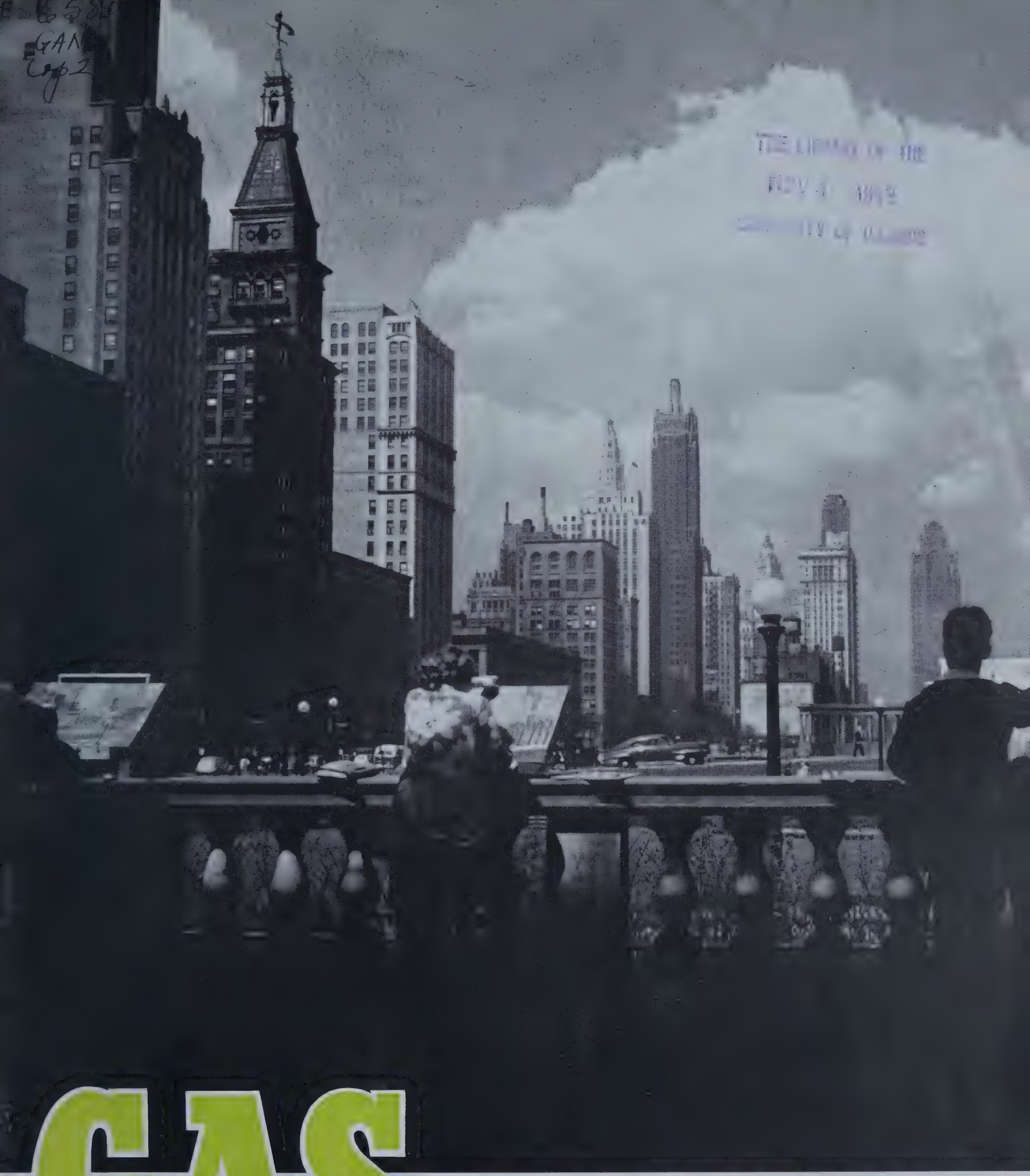

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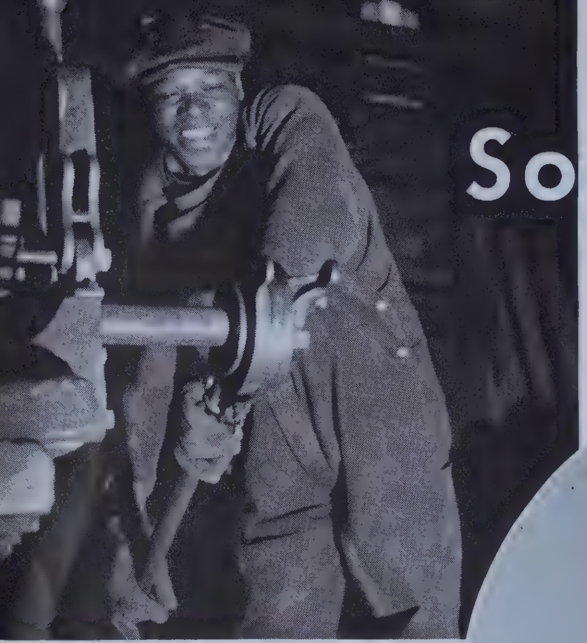
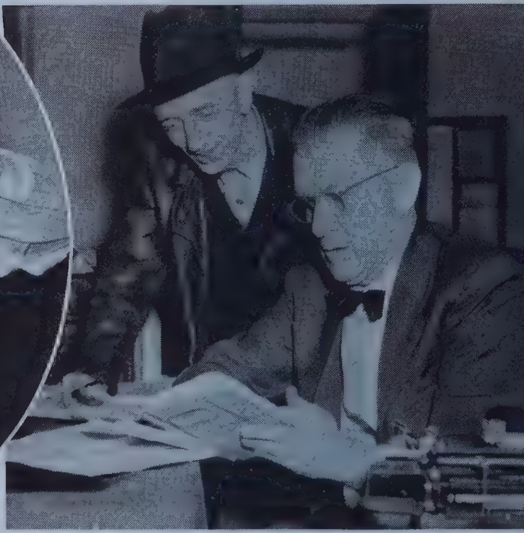


Above, with that ever-present smile, Preston Caldwell is shown threading a pipe for a steam line at the Station.

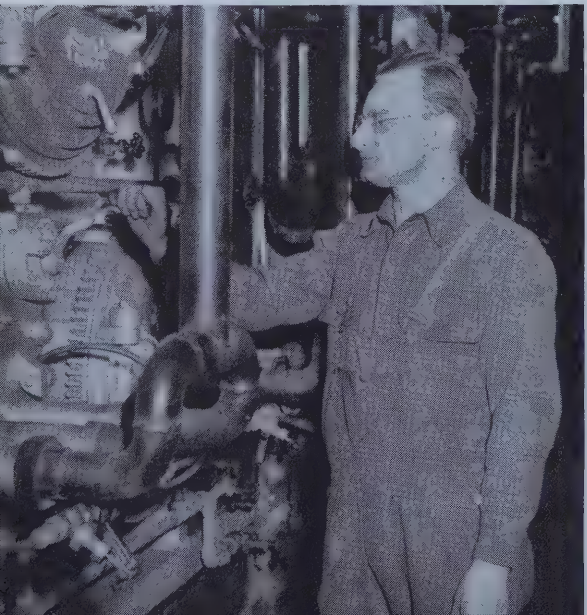
Above, William H. Isaacs, Superintendent of the Station, converses with one of the operating engineers via telephone.

Below, John Hochheimer and Michael Zimmerman are checking over the payroll records at the Station.



Above, John Samanich tackles a welding job on a "T-rail" to be used in the machine shop.

Below, Sam Bant, getting a good fire started on the forge for a small repair job in the workshop.



At left, Harry Gilbert adjusts a lever on one of the combination gas-oil steam boilers in the boiler room.

Right, Michael O'Hara is pictured with his two Doberman-pinscher dogs. At left is Sargent, well-trained watchdog, and father of Bess, the dog at right, a wiry and nimble-footed pup.

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This issue marks the debut of a medical column in Gas News. The author, Dr. Harold Steinberg, Medical director; the title, "Health—How to Keep It"; the purpose, timely health consul designed to help all of us keep up to par.

Make this your feature. Send us health topics you'd like discussed, health queries you'd like answered. We'll appreciate your suggestions.

And now . . . . turn to page 15 and read the first installment of "Health—How to Keep It."

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Gas News took a tip from the fashion world this month and chose one of spring's leading colors for its cover accents. It's called citron and we think it fairly exudes an aura of spring. Notice, ladies, how smartly it combines with black, and how fresh and stimulating it is. Perhaps you think it odd that Gas News has suddenly become fashion conscious. Our only excuse is that citron has caught our fancy and given us such a heady whiff of spring that we hope it will do the same for you.

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This month we present one large gold star to Methods and Routines, a department which has an outstanding war service record. Since Pearl Harbor six men from that department have left for the Armed Forces. Those who still remain on the Home Front are doing their share for Victory as indicated by the following: each member of the department has a 10 per cent payroll deduction for War Bonds; they were 100 per cent behind the Red Cross drive, with each employe donating a day's pay to this worthwhile cause; and . . . to date, the department has given fifteen pints of blood to the Red Cross.

Gas News has a flock of large gold stars on hand just waiting to be awarded to other meritorious departments in the Company. Let us know if your department equals or betters the record set by Methods and Routines.

Coming Events

EMPLOYE FORUM
Tuesday, April 27
Room 1039 & Home Service Auditorium
5:30 p.m.

GIRLS' PARTY
Thursday, April 29
Tracy's Stevens Building Restaurant
6:30 p.m.

ANNUAL BOWLING DOUBLES
Friday, April 30
Bensinger Alleys
6:15 p.m.

GAS CLUB DANCING PARTY
Friday, May 21
Knickerbocker Hotel

LUNCH HOUR MOVIES
Beginning April 20
Room 1033
Peoples Gas Bldg.

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Signs of Spring in Downtown Chicago, along world-famed Michigan Boulevard. About the time that buds first appear on the trees and shrubs in Grant Park, art students sketch the scene looking north from the Art Institute, preserving on their canvas the fluffy clouds above the cluster of skyscrapers. Photo by Louis C. Williams, Evanston.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS - *For Victory!*

THE CAVE MEN STARTED SOMETHING!

When the cave men invented cooking they really started something! This article traces the evolution of the culinary art from its rude beginnings over the primitive man's campfire to the perfection it has reached with the modern gas range.

WAR has invaded the American kitchen! All of us have felt its impact. All of us are changing our diet because of a stringent war economy which means less meat, less butter, less coffee and sugar. We're learning to prepare new dishes which utilize non-restricted foods. We're discovering that it takes a dash of ingenuity to make war-time meals satisfy a palate jaded by an over-abundance of rich foods. And . . . more than ever we're finding that cooking is an art, an exciting process by which a clever cook turns even such dishes as the lowly stew into a symphony of well-blended flavors.

Some women have only recently discovered the ancient art of cooking. The increasing shortage of domestic help has forced many a housewife into the kitchen. These new cooks find themselves baffled and at the same time intrigued by this room—strange and alien territory to many of them. They're reading cook books for the first time, attending nutrition classes, figuring out the ration system, and concluding that cooking never was more difficult than it is today. However, a backward glance into the annals of history prove that our Home Front cooks of 1943 are carrying on a process which has become increasingly simple since its origin.

Wise men have solemnly debated as to what was the exact point at which the far-off dweller in the cave began to fumble his way towards the arts leading to civilized life. Certainly one of his longest strides in that direction was marked by the discovery that fire applied to raw meat made it much more edible. Perhaps he watched a fire, ignited by a spark from a spumescent volcano, race through a primeval forest, burning everything in its path. Perhaps he chanced upon some hapless animal which had been overtaken by the fire and nicely roasted. And perhaps, after sampling a bit of the cooked flesh, he decided that fire might be used to improve the quality of food.

Fundamentally, the process of cooking has not changed since the cave men days. Then, as now, the basic principle was the application of heat to food. Parent of the modern broiler was the stick on which our skin-clad forefathers stuck a piece of meat and held it over the campfire. They next discovered that meat or fish could be more thoroughly cooked if heated in the glowing ashes of a fire. And so, the process of roasting began.

Stone boiling was soon developed as an alternative to roasting. A hide was fitted into a hole in the ground, filled with water, and heated stones were thrown in. When the art of making vessels of clay was discovered, food was boiled in clumsy, earthen pots—forerunner of modern cooking utensils.

At this stage, life seems to have been one perpetual picnic around a community fire which was kept burning night and day. There were no eating implements, no social amenities now observed at dinner tables throughout the world. However, we must credit these crude Homo Sapiens with the invention of cooking, an invention which revolutionized the human diet and marked a big step in the course of human progress.

Fireplace in an early Colonial home, about 1700.

Cooking Gradually Improves

During the period of the Roman Empire (27 B.C.–476 A.D.) cooking reached new heights. Spices had been introduced, new delicacies had been invented, cooks were recognized craftsmen, and there was a demand for tempting viands. Along with improvements in the art of cooking there developed a corresponding improvement in the methods used. Also, as eating gained in importance, certain social customs appeared. For example, during the course of a meal, bowls of scented water were handed around so that the feasting Romans could cleanse their smeared fingers. Civilization was progressing!

Near the end of the twelfth century appeared the first cook book. Written by Alexander Neckam and entitled *De Utensilibus* (Treatise on Utensils), its object was to provide full instructions to young housekeepers. Neckam gave minute instructions for the preparation of peacocks and thrushes, as well as pork, veal, venison, and other dishes popular at the time.

During the fifteenth century all the ordinary methods of preparing food were practised, and frying was becoming popular. Puddings, pies, and tarts appeared in great variety. Soup and broth became known and salads were an item at the feasts.

The First Stoves Appear

Small bronze braziers (the first stoves) were used for keeping food hot —a necessity because of the length of the meals. One feast which took place in 1424 consisted of two courses—the first comprised eleven dishes; the second, sixteen and included such items as swan neck pudding, roasted capon, stewed roe, larks, "Payn puffe" (a sort of fritter), and cold baked meat. Any trenchman who had eaten sturdily through these twenty-seven dishes must have felt somewhat surfeited and the procedure, accompanied as it was by copious draughts of various alcoholic liquids, took hours.

The turkey and the potato were introduced into English diets during the sixteenth century, though the exact date is not known. Fireplaces were of huge proportions now and there was a great improvement in cooking utensils. Appointments of the dining room became increasingly artistic and elaborate. However, fingers and knives continued to be the main eating utensils.

It was during the seventeenth century in England that the foundations of American cookery were laid, for the Pilgrim Fathers must have taken with them many of the culinary secrets of the English kitchen. Cooking was still carried on at the fireplace in huge iron pots, some of which weighed thirty and forty pounds.

In 1744 the first stove appeared in America—an awkward, box-like affair which burned wood and coal. Oil was next introduced as a fuel. And in 1785 an English magazine described a small gas oven used for cooking.

Experiments were continued with this newly-discovered fuel and in 1850 James Sharp, an Englishman, roasted meats, cooked vegetables, puddings and pies in a gas stove, in connection with a lecture on "Gastronomy." This was perhaps the first home service demonstration.

In the summer of 1864, while the Civil War was nearing its end, an eastern stove company announced the construction of a gas stove very much like the "hot plate" of today. It was a crude affair and the burners had no provision for air mixtures. It produced a yellow flame which blackened the cooking utensils and found disfavor with the housewives. However, improvements were rapidly made and the gas appliance was soon meeting with favor on all sides.

The first real major development was the invention of oven heat control in 1915 which revolutionized cooking methods and took a lot of guesswork from the culinary art. Enamel oven linings were soon introduced and in 1927 rock wool insulation appeared.

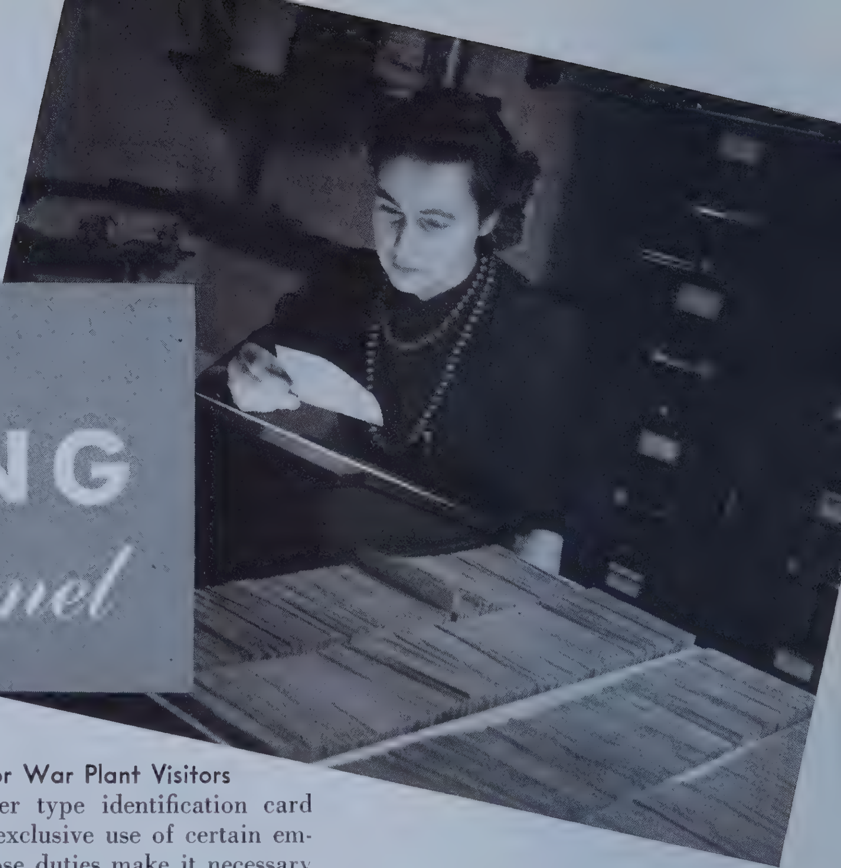
Designers, stylists, and engineers have advanced the gas range into a durable article of efficiency and beauty —a far cry from the cooking equipment used by our forefathers. Spacious ovens—automatically controlled and insulated for kitchen comfort; oven broilers which slide out in a drawer; immaculate porcelain finishes —all these features give the housewife of today the world's finest cooking equipment.

Above, the ornate cook stove which Abraham Lincoln used in his home at Springfield, Illinois.

Above, the modern gas range (Roper—1941): streamlined, efficient, beautifully immaculate.

At left, one of the first gas ranges used in this country. Manufactured by the Goodwin Meter Company, it was called the "Sun Dial."

Thousands of negatives, used for identification cards, are kept in numerical order by Myrle Thatcher, Photographic, shown at right.



IDENTIFYING

Our Personnel

BEFORE the war began, all that an employe required to gain entrance to one of the Company's shops, production, or distribution stations was a hearty greeting, or a handshake. Now he must possess the proper identification card, no matter who he is, or how well known he might be. Even regular workmen at these locations cannot enter without these identification cards. Three quarters of the employe personnel now require them for their daily work.

Two kinds of plastic identification cards have been authorized for use by the Company, and each one serves a specific purpose. One type is for employes who visit one or more of the Company's properties as part of their jobs. It consists of a photograph, the worker's signature, an outline of his physical characteristics, and other miscellaneous information, together with the signature of the Company official responsible for the issuance of these passes.

For War Plant Visitors

The other type identification card is for the exclusive use of certain employes whose duties make it necessary for them to visit war production plants in the Chicago area. The card is invalid unless the bearer also wears a metal badge. It is prepared under the jurisdiction of the Provost Marshal's office, is validated by the signature of the military officer in charge, and contains the stamp of the Marshal's office on the reverse side. The employe's signature indicates that he has read the Espionage and Sabotage Acts in the U. S. Criminal Code; and the Company official's signature certifies that the holder of the card is believed to be of known loyalty and integrity.

Cards Are Permanent

The identification cards now being used are permanent for as long as the employe to whom it has been assigned requires it on his job. Formerly, new cards were issued every year. The permanency of the present type card represents a considerable saving in preparation time and expense over the old system; moreover, new methods of making the cards from prepared materials by Gas Company departments show definite economies over outside estimates for the same kind of work.

All of the reproductive work on the cards and badges was done by the Photographic department. It included making individual portrait pictures of a great part of the personnel, reducing a part of the master identification form with the photographs to pocketbook card size, and the making of the badges by special machinery.

The Employe Record Section's part in the identification work involved the lamination of the cards, securing the

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Mary Lou Swigart, Employe Records Section, is trimming the completed cards to pocketbook size with hand-operated cutting machine.

Marion Bona is preparing cards for lamination by inserting sheets of plastic and stainless steel into the stack before heating.

Identification badges are made in the Photographic department by the machine, shown below, being operated by Shirley Wright.

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necessary Company and government signatures, and several detailed clerical functions.

Apply Heat and Pressure

Sheets of plastic were placed on either side of the identification cards, and each set was separated by stainless steel sheets. About 25 sets of cards were processed in a "batch," each being subjected to extreme vise pressure, and heated to a temperature of 1,100 degrees F. After forced cooling and trimming, the cards were ready for the employes' pocketbooks.

Frank Foldi Contributes Much Time to War Effort

FRANK FOLDI, Appliance Adjuster at North Shop, is one man who's contributing more than his share towards Victory. As Secretary of the American Hungarian Victory League, he has been instrumental in the organization of many patriotic projects.

Through his money-raising efforts, which netted $2,413, a shiny B9 ambulance of the canteen type is now seeing service with the American Red Cross. The ambulance cost $1,900 and the balance of the fund was given to the Red Cross for their charity work.

G. A. Scott's Paper Takes 2nd Prize

THAT GORDON A. SCOTT's initials spell GAS may or may not have some bearing on the fact that he's a good gas man. At least he proved that he knows the subject of underfiring the ovens at Crawford Station with natural gas, when he won a prize of $50 for his paper entitled, "The Use of Gas-Air Mixture for Underfiring Coke Ovens at Chicago." The contest was sponsored by the Blast Furnace and Coke Oven Association of Chicago. Scott's paper, the first ever to be entered from Crawford Station in the annual contest, took second place in the Coke Oven Division.

In his paper, Scott, who is an assistant heater at Crawford, described the installation of equipment to effect the mixture of natural gas and air without danger of the formation of an explosive mixture, and revealed the details of the efficient utilization of this mixture to carbonize coal in coke ovens.

Employes Urged to Become Red Cross Blood Donors

MORE than 150 Peoples Gas employes are helping to preserve the lives of wounded men on the fighting front by donating their blood to the American Red Cross. The effectiveness of the use of blood plasma in all branches of the Service has been proved time and again, and the requirements of the Army, Navy, and Marines has increased tremendously since the war began.

Recognizing the need for blood donors, and endeavoring to help the Red Cross with its momentous task, G. F. Mitchell, President of the Company, mailed a letter and a pamphlet to all employes on March 22, urging them to become donors in this worthwhile cause. Immediate response to Mr. Mitchell's appeal was indicated when over a hundred volunteer blood donors filled in and sent through their applications to request an appointment. More are still coming in.

Donors are examined

Before a person is accepted as a donor, a physician at the American Red Cross Donor Service determines whether the donor may safely give blood. He is asked a number of questions and is given a simple examination, including pulse and temperature readings, a homoglobin test, and a check of the blood pressure. It is not necessary for the donor to know his type of blood.

If the donor is considered to be in good physical condition, a pint of blood is taken under the direction of a physician, and with a registered nurse assisting. From five to ten minutes is required.

It is the opinion of the medical profession generally, and our own Medical Section concurs in the belief, that donations of blood in the amounts asked for by the American Red Cross Donor Service are not in any way detrimental to the physical well-being of a healthy individual. Volunteers may use the application which they received with Mr. Mitchell's letter, and send it through their supervisors if it involves time off during working hours. Otherwise, they may send it direct to the Donor Service, at 5 North Wabash Avenue, indicating the date on which they would like to appear.

May Dance is Bright Spot on Gas Club Calendar

THE BRIGHT SPOT on the Peoples Gas Club Calendar for the month of May will be a May Dancing Party, to be held in the Knickerbocker Hotel on the 21st.

The Club's entertainment committee plans to serve a light supper at midnight in the ballroom. Tickets for the affair will be available early in May at a very reasonable cost. Watch next issue for further details.

C. E. Nester Tops as a Blood Donor

THE TOP-NOTCH blood donor of Peoples Gas, and the man whom authorities believe to have the second-best record in Chicago, is C. Earl Nester, Correspondence department. Being physically unable to fight, Mr. Nester, an eight-time blood donor, believes that he can contribute to Victory by letting his blood go to war.

Nester, who is becoming a familiar figure over at the Chicago Blood Donor headquarters, expects to go many more times. Says Nester, "Anyone who knows how simple the procedure is would not hesitate to contribute to the cause. I plan to donate a pint every eight weeks until the war is over."

GEMS OF THE PAST . . .

Photos taken 35 years ago this month show scenes in the Old Gas Building

Drastic changes in office equipment and methods during the past 35 years are reflected in this picture of the special order table, taken in the Old Gas Building, Michigan and Adams. The old timers shown are: Joseph Leach, Daniel Hill, Robert Keating, and Bert Smith (now of the Customers department).

Here's what the Bill Delivery office looked like exactly 35 years ago this month. In the above photo, left to right, are: William Soldman, Grant D. Seaton (Superintendent), John Holcomb, clerk, and Elsie Brennwald, stenographer. The latter is sister of Fred Brennwald, Collection; John Holcomb is now at the Refining Plant.

Probably one of the few "candid" photos to be taken of a gas man in the old Gas Building, is this one, at right, of George Sherwood, now an annuitant. At that time he was a telephone order clerk.

Katherine A. Booth, stenographer, is pictured while busily taking dictation from F. C. Sherman, head of the Special Order department in 1908. Mrs. Booth later became Superintendent of the Correspondence department, and is now retired.

19,000 Plants On Order For Employe Victory Gardeners

About 19,000 tomato, pepper, and onion plants have been ordered for employes' gardens through the Peoples Gas Club Garden Committee, and enough seed has been purchased for them to plant a good-sized farm. The Committee regrets that it can take no more orders, due to the fact that the growers down south, with whom the Club placed its orders, have completely "sold out."

In 1942, sixty-four gardeners registered in the GAS NEWS Victory Garden Contest. This year, judging from the great number of requests for plants and seeds, the number will run well up into the hundreds. At North District Shop, for example, 65 Victory Gardeners have registered.

Instruction booklets for beginners will be distributed to employes upon request as long as the supply lasts. Interested men and women are asked to write their request to W. A. Schueler, Customers department, Peoples Gas Building.

The date for the Spring Garden Show for employes will be set at a later date, as soon as the progress of growing plants in the vicinity, with respect to the weather, can be ascertained. Watch next issue for further details.

Gas Ads

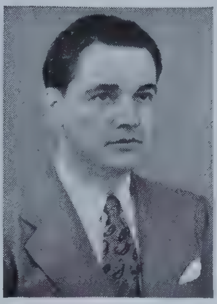
Wanted to Buy: 1937 model or later Plymouth convertible coupe. Call H. Gustafson, Bou 4700.

For Sale: Meadows gas mangle. Also living room set; man's Gruen gold watch. Call local 346.

Eighteen Increase Earnings with Suggestions During March

Roberta Malloy

Rita Etzkorn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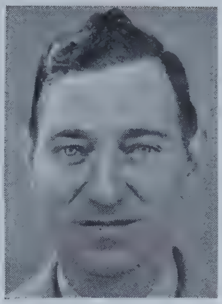
Bernard Phillips

Three men and two women were listed on a recent Suggestion Bulletin as having earned additional cash through their suggestion efforts. Each conceived an idea which withstood the ordeal of investigation by the Suggestion Committee. They emerged with a value of $10 to the authors. These five suggesters are: Rita Etzkorn, Treasury-Receiving; Roberta Malloy, Receipts; H. J. Kenitz, Customers; John J. Kenny, Central District; and Bernard Phillips, North District.

Millard J. Keller, Stores department, whose suggestion activity has been mentioned previously in the News, scored again during March with three suggestions which produced $5 each. Other winners of $5 during March were: Lucille Dougherty, Customer Accounting; Ray Cummings, Crawford Station; F. T. Duke, Refining Plant; Herbert Fredrick, Research and Testing; Walter Haberichter, Customer Accounting; Francis Klawitter, Central District; Peter Martin, Customers Order; Robert Potthoff, Customers Order; and Joseph Thurber, General Accounting.

Ideas Win Dollars, Bonds, Victory

The ideas of 39 suggesters won $267 during the month of March. Those dollars and the ideas which earned them can result in the winning of War Bonds by the authors. The three suggesters who win the greatest number of cash awards of five dollars or more will win WAR BONDS offered in the contest ending December 31, 1943. The prizes are: three War Bonds in denominations of $100, $50, and $25. Be a winner! Submit your IDEAS to win DOLLARS, to win WAR BONDS, to win VICTORY!

IDEAS
WIN
WIN
BONDS
BONDS
WIN
VICTORY
SUBMIT A SUGGESTION TODAY

Increase in Pay Effective March 1

Salaried employes of the Company received good news by letter on March 25, when President G. F. Mitchell notified them of a wage increase which became effective as of March 1. The increase was applicable to all salaried workers whose rate of pay at that time did not exceed $400 per month. The text of Mr. Mitchell's letter is as follows:

> *It gives me pleasure to announce that, effective March 1, 1943, the monthly rate for employes receiving $400.00 per month or less on the salary rolls (except those on the voucher payroll, certain employes of the Peoples Gas Building and those mentioned below) was increased by Five Dollars ($5.00) per month.*
>
> *Increases in the rates for wage earners and certain salaried employes have been agreed upon as a result of negotiations with the Gas Workers Union, A.F. of L.*
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> *The above set forth increases have received the necessary approval by the National War Labor Board and the Salary Stabilization Unit of the U.S. Treasury Department.*
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> *This upward adjustment in pay represents a substantial increase in the Company's payroll expense, at the same time that all other costs of the Company are being greatly increased. Employes are earnestly requested to make every effort in their individual tasks to offset some of these increased costs by exercising the strictest economy in the performance of their work for the Company.*
>
> *George F. Mitchell*
> *President.*

Eskil I. Bjork Heads New Salvage Committee

E. I. Bjork, Vice President in charge of Budget, Purchasing and Stores, and who has charge of the Company's salvage activities, announced recently the formation of a Material Conservation and Salvage Committee consisting of himself, as Chairman, and Messrs. John B. Craven, Martin I. Mix, Charles C. LeForge, and Lester R. Michelsen, as members. The Committee will assume the work, carried on informally in the past by Mr. Bjork and representatives of the Operating Division, of co-ordinating the Company's salvage activities with the nation's need for scrap materials and the need for conservation of usable materials. The Committee will take such measures as are appropriate for recovering the maximum amounts of material from construction, maintenance or dismantling projects, and for reclaiming any material which is found to be usable.

FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Down Arkansas way, in Camp Robinson, our former assistant elevator starter in the Gas Building is busy training with the 13th General Hospital Unit as a medical technician.

Corporal James J. Sheehy
Company K.
Army Finance School,
Wake Forest, North Carolina.

When Christmas time came around it was my intention to acknowledge, individually, the many Christmas cards I received from my friends at the Gas Company. Just at that time I was transferred to the Finance School at Wake Forest, and I didn't start receiving the cards until sometime after the first of the year. In addition, we have a 16½-hour schedule which does not permit the kind of writing I would enjoy doing. In consequence of the above, will you please through the medium of GAS NEWS, express my thanks to the many members of the Company organization who were so kind as to remember me at Christmas time?

Peter J. McAuslan S.M. 3rd C.
Oceanside, Calif.

In the latest arrival of mail from this ship, there arrived for me a Christmas card from you; a copy of the Chicago Sun from the Peoples Gas Post, and a check from the officers of the Company. Such a lot of mail from one source almost floored me, so I felt it my duty to drop you a line, acknowledging receipt of all this mail. It put a warm feeling inside of me to think that so many of my friends at the Company were thinking of us boys so far from home. In checking the dates of your letters, I see that I was many thousands of miles away from you when the letters were mailed to me. At the time I was on Guadalcanal. I am now back in the States attending school here in California, but that ends this week, so I hope to go back to my old ship and then get a ten-day leave. Will close now, expressing my sincere thanks for everything.

Lt. George J. Andrews,
Battery E.
79th C.A. (A.A.)
Manchester, Conn.

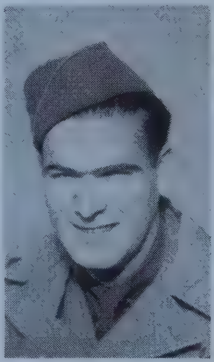
I've been quite busy for the past few months, and was sorry I couldn't get down to see all of you when home in November. Since returning, many things have happened to keep me going. Not many days go by without something new to do. You know, in a life such as this one, there are always new ways of doing things and new things to learn.

Pvt. Harold R. Todd,
C. & B. School
Fort Benning, Ga.

I arrived at Cooking and Baking School on the 15th, and am finally settled down to the routine I will be on for the following two months. After this is over I will return to the Engineers to be cook. Our daily routine consists of working in the kitchen and going to school. We work in the Officers Mess from 5:30 to 11:30 a.m., and then we go to school until three. We are off then until the following morning when we go on duty in the kitchen again. Our chow is the best available in quality. The chow is served just like in a restaurant, the waiters take the orders and we fry the eggs, steaks, or anything of this kind to fill the order, such as eggs sunny-side up, scrambled, or steaks medium, rare, or well done, etc. We are really cooking with gas down here. We have modern gas ranges and oven, an automatic gas water heater, plus gas heat for the mess hall for cold weather. This is indeed the ideal kitchen.

Complete addresses are given only when an employe in the Armed Forces is located at a regular training center within the continental United States. Employes desiring to write to acquaintances now located overseas can obtain the correct locations of those on file in the NEWS Office, Room 1620, Peoples Gas Building. The request can be made in writing or by calling in person.

Here's a good one of William Ahern, now located somewhere in the South Pacific. He was employed at the Meter Repair department before entering the Service.



Corporal Joseph A. Danisch
486 Sq. 340
Group WAAB
Waterloo, South Carolina.

I have been laid up in the hospital for quite some time due to an accident which I had while working. It seems that all of you are having quite a time with rationing and priorities. Well, if you all pull together we will get this thing over with in a hurry. You keep cooking with gas and we'll keep 'em flying.

Lt. Charles A. Gould
Hawaiian Islands

Just a line to let you know that after much traveling since I dropped in to see you at Christmas time I am located in the Hawaiian Islands and think it's great. We had a very rough journey over here —a gale with a 65-mile per hour wind for several days. At times we didn't know whether we would make it or not. After all the training it looks like we are going to have to go to work now, and whether I will stay here or not will remain a problem for the future to settle. Tell anyone that you can hello for me.

John Sweeney, A.R.M.
Aviation Radar School,
Bldg. 504 N.A.S.
Jacksonville, Fla.

It seems that every time I hear from one of the bunch, some one else has left for the Service. It has been swell of the Company to keep in touch with all the boys, and I want you to know how much we all appreciate it. I have finished school and have been promoted to Aviation Radio Man, third class. Right now I am in the Radar Division as an instructor, and also getting in a little flight duty with the naval coastal patrol. While our work is of a secret nature, I can say it is very interesting and keeps us very busy.

PFC Harry Young
Signal Photo Detach.
An Island Somewhere In the Pacific

This being the one-year anniversary of my last visit to Chicago and it being a long time since my last report, I'll take this breather to make myself known again. First of all, I want to say that the GAS NEWS has been getting here sooner or later, and it sure is a treat to see it blow in.

I'm finding out that these South Sea Isles are not all that Dorothy Lamour paints them up to be. But despite the heat, rains, humidity, and mosquitoes, this island is wild, rugged, and beautiful in other ways. We live in tents, sleep in netting-covered cots, and eat out of mess kits. The chow has improved greatly in the past month, as we get fresh meat about four times a week now.

The natives are a friendly and helpful lot to the Forces and are acquiring Yankee customs like wildfire. They are becoming adept in the arts of mootching cigarettes, playing softball, high pricing souvenirs, and of all things—hitchhiking!

William Murray's number is quite impressive—No. 16147445. Formerly employed at South District, he is now at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, with the 13th General Hospital Unit.

They Left For Service During March

Dorothy Anderson
John B. Arnold
Henry J. Babiarz
Roger M. Bartz
Albin K. Bond
Samuel Bronstein
Walter J. Bruckner
Thomas A. Dreis
Robert Eisner
John B. Ferris
Rexford L. Ford
Robert J. Geng
John J. Harris
Henry E. Herula
John F. Heckinger
William Lawrence
Allen Murgatroyd
Charles D. Murray
Michael H. Nolan
Leo P. Dudek
William J. Ryan
William F. Savage
Edward H. Schulze
C. J. Tebbens, Jr.
Albert R. Walavich
Mary E. Weiss

"She Gave Everything" Is Theme of Company's War Fund Advertising

WITH a full-page advertisement in six Chicago daily newspapers, on April 15 and 16, the Peoples Gas Company launched an intensive program of cooperation with the U.S. Government in the Second War Fund Drive, the goal of which is the accumulation of 13 billions of dollars in War Bond Sales. The Second War Fund Drive began officially on April 12, and will continue through May 1.

The Company's six advertisements were dovetailed into a schedule of insertions by numerous organizations and industries cooperating in the drive to appear in the newspapers during the period of this vital drive for war funds.

Our Company's appeal, which is reproduced on this issue's back cover, had as its theme, "SHE GAVE EVERYTHING," consisting of a striking photograph of a Gold Star Mother, and a message which compares the great sacrifices of America's Gold Star Mothers with the contributions we are urged to make in this all-important Second War Fund Drive.

Make Idle Dollars Fighting Dollars

"We're going to buy these bonds," says the Company's advertisement, "not only because they're so safe and because they pay us interest, or because in years to come they'll provide the money for a new home, or new conveniences. But we're buying them chiefly TO SHORTEN THE WAR! We're buying Bonds so that there may be fewer Gold Star Mothers. That we may hasten the day when sons come MARCHING HOME."

It is not only up to workers on the home front to see more and more complete weapons produced. To achieve their purpose of beating the Axis it is also up to them, along with their fellow Americans, to see that the weapons STAY in action—a job that must be accomplished by the raising of the thirteen billions of dollars in the Second War Fund Drive.

300 Receive First Aid Cards

GAS COMPANY employes have shown a great interest in learning the fundamentals of First Aid. During 1942 over three hundred men and women received cards certifying that they had completed the standard Red Cross course sponsored by the Safety division of the Company.

Nine of these employes will soon complete the advanced course. They meet on Monday evenings.

Survey Shows 67 Officers 558 Enlisted Men in Service

A SURVEY, recently completed by the Personnel department, reveals that fully eighty per cent of the 625 employes in the Armed Forces are in the Army and Marine Corps. Slightly more than 18 per cent are in the Navy and Coast Guard, and there are five WAVES and one WAAC in Service from our Company.

The 502 gas men and woman in the Army and Marine Corps are divided into the following ranks: 327 privates, 23 privates first class, 42 corporals, 28 sergeants, 7 staff sergeants, 1 master sergeant, 6 officer candidates, 36 lieutenants, 10 captains, 4 majors, and 1 lt. colonel.

The Navy and Coast Guard personnel from our Company are divided as follows: 40 seamen, 53 petty officers, 2 chief petty officers, 2 warrant officers, 9 ensigns, 6 lieutenants, 1 lieutenant commander, and 4 aviation cadets.

Service Anniversaries

45 YEARS

Longstreet, William, Domestic Sales.

40 YEARS

Murtaugh, John F., Customers Order.
Jost, Edward A., Credit & Collection.
Stapleton, Frank J., Domestic Sales.

35 YEARS

Conroy, Edward, Central District.
Gallagher, John, Central District.
Glynn, Michael, Meter Shop.
Joyce, Peter, Central District.
Tracy, John F., Office Service Section.
Dziegiel, Wtadyslaw, Division Station.
Ninow, Henry G., Bookkeeping.
Niemeyer, Arthur A., Claim.
Cummings, John G., South District.

25 YEARS

Brown, Clay, 110th St. Station.
Makaras, Magdalena, Gas Building.
Daniels, Joseph, Domestic Sales.
Nevin, Thomas, Peoples Gas Building.

Boy Scouts—CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

Jesse Dowen, Customers Order (center), staged a K
flying contest for his troop of Cub Scouts a few we
ago. Here they are all lined up before the takeoff.

Helpers In Today's Emergency

EVERY fourth man in the Army, the Navy, and the Marines is a more versatile fighting man, quicker on the trigger, sturdier, and better able to protect himself under trying conditions because he was a Boy Scout of yesterday. More than one military expert has remarked that "Scout trained men make the best soldiers," —words which are a great tribute to the Boy Scout movement generally.

The Boy Scout organization is making another war contribution with the youth of today. Since the heroic activities of the Scouts at Pearl Harbor on that tragic December 7 attracted world-wide attention, the nation-wide youth organization has intensified its training program in cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense. The war services of these 1,500,000 boys, whose slogan is, "Be Prepared", include training as air raid messengers, locating and identifying water supply and other vital locations in the neighborhoods. They are also being trained as first aid assistants—a job for which they proved their capabilities during the Pearl Harbor catastrophe.

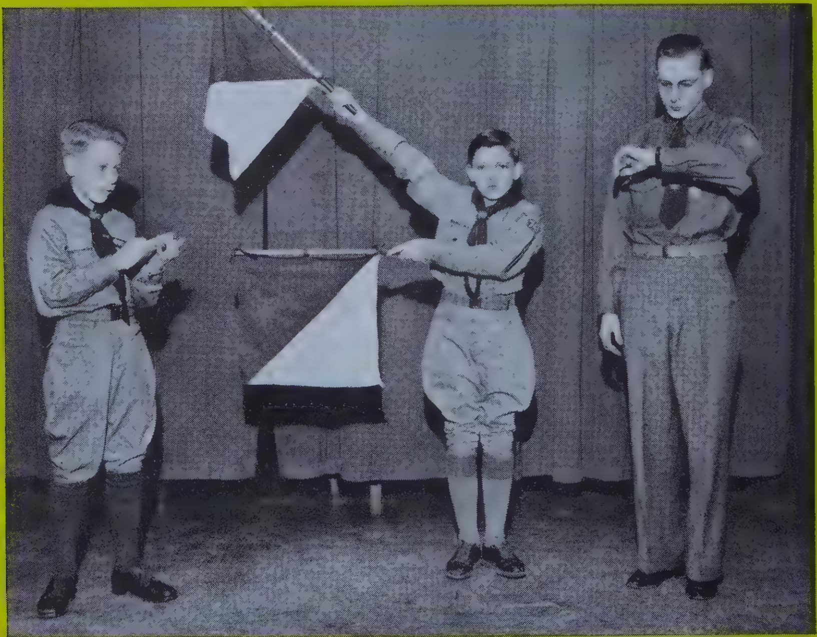
The Scouts have also contributed immeasurably to the success of the recently intensified salvage drive, as well as to safety and accident prevention campaigns, in addition to maintaining their regular program of prewar activities for the building of character, self-reliability, and citizenship.

Gas Men Leaders

The thousands of scout troops throughout the country are given leadership by public-spirited men who serve as scout masters, assistants, and administrators without compensation, devoting much of their own time to the training of these boys. Numerous Peoples Gas employes are doing splendid work with scout troops in their neighborhoods, carrying forward the war time program of the Boy Scout movement.

One Peoples Gas employe undertook the colossal task of organizing a Chinese troop, and found the young Orientals very enthusiastic boosters of the movement after a few months of training. Other gas men have brought

Timing is important in signaling. Fred Reblitz, Receipts Section, shown below, is checking the speed of two troop members in a try-out test.



George Burns, Meter Repair, past master of first aid techniques, was priming members of his troop for a first aid merit badge when the above picture was taken.

national recognition to their neighborhoods by winning contests in competition with other troops.

If you should ask the employe Scout enthusiasts why they are interested in the movement, you would probably receive several different answers. Undoubtedly Mr. Scoutmaster would confess that he was a Boy Scout himself once, and had never succeeded in getting completely out of his bones the thrill of woodcraft, and his love of the great out-of-doors. That joy of signaling, first aid, and starlit nights around the camp fire are still a part of him. In fact, it helps to keep him young.

George Burns, Meter Repair department, is the leader of Troop 119, one of the outstanding troops in Chicago. Twenty of the boys he trained several years ago are now in the Armed Forces and have won rapid promotions; three of them are lieutenants, and one a captain. The troop now has registered 12 eagles, 15 life, 21 rover scouts, and a cub pack of 26 boys aged 9 to 12. Mr. Burns has been a scoutmaster for 14 years, and active in the movement for 19 years.

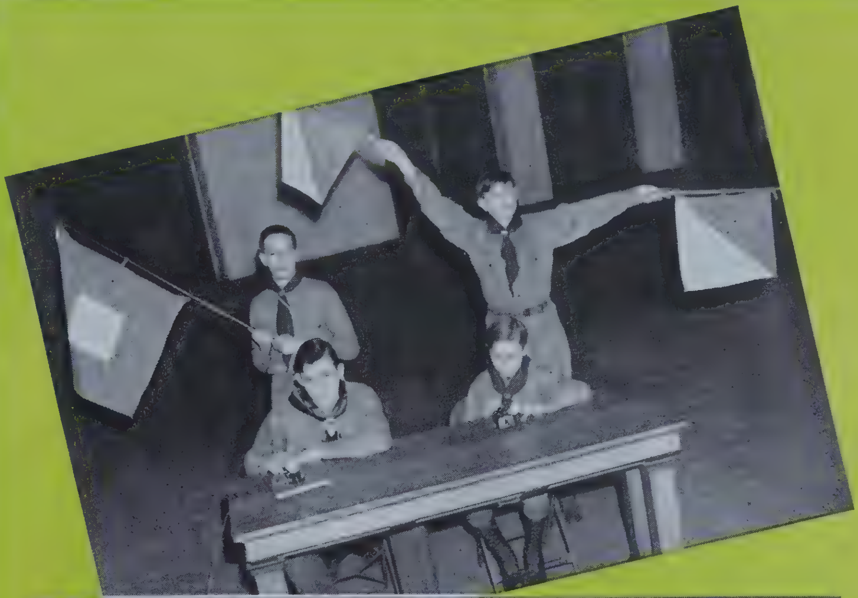
Clarence O. Patterson, Purchasing, was one of the first Scouts of Troop 409, which was chartered in June, 1918, at Gage Park on the southwest side. He is now completing his twenty-fifth year with the same troop and has been its guiding light as Scoutmaster for sixteen years. During this time, hundreds of boys and scores of men have been members of the troop under his leadership and many of his former Scouts are now establishing good records in the service of our country.

Mr. Patterson was one of the first men in Chicago to be awarded the coveted Scoutmaster's Key. In addition, he served as Chairman of the Training Committee for several years, as President of the Scouters' Association, as teacher of training courses and first aid instructor, and he is now Chairman of the Camping and Activities Committee, all in Southwest Center Community.

Enjoying Scout work now as much as he did as a tenderfoot seventeen years ago, Fred Reblitz, Treasury-Receiving, Scoutmaster of Troop 745, has built an excellent record for his troop. He has headed the unit for four years, and it now has four eagle, five life, and 10 first class scouts. The troop's accomplishments include a national first aid championship, made with a score of 96 per cent in competition against 4,000 other troops.

Jesse Dowen, Superintendent of Customers Order, is Cub Master of Pack 18, a group of enthusiastic youngsters aged 9 to 12, located in the Western Suburbs. These young fellows go on hikes and camping, and are taught to do many things which will make them better Boy Scouts later on.

These gas men (and others doing scout committee work about whom we have not heard) are contributing a great share to our city, state, and national betterment by making our youngsters of today the better citizens of tomorrow. Besides aiding greatly in the war effort on the home front, the scout movement is reducing crime and juvenile delinquency, teaching important qualities of leadership, clean living, self-reliability, and a profound sense of civic and social responsibility—training which the majority of them would not be able to secure elsewhere.


Above and to the right, a versatile group of youngsters in Mr. Burns' troop signal with flags and light flashes.

Clarence Patterson, Purchasing, conducts a class in knot-tying, one of the elementary lessons for a Boy Scout.

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

The Art Institute Presents

. . . . an important photographic exhibition showing the U. S. at war and entitled, "Road To Victory." It is scheduled to run from April 3 to May 2. Lt. Comdr. Edward Steichen, U.S.N.R., who for years has been one of America's foremost photographers, was especially assigned by the Navy to assemble this exhibition. The combination of a running text, written by Carl Sandburg, and architecturally installed photomurals lead the visitor from sequence to sequence of this country's mighty resources and the power of its people in their struggle toward Victory. This is not a mere collection of photographs but a visualization of the United States at war.

Waistcoat Wisdom

It is smart and practical to have a waistcoat this season. It adds verve to your playtime or worktime togs, as well as to your tailored dressup and business clothes. The one pictured here is done in red, white, and blue threads. If you would like to crochet it for yourself, you may have the directions by calling at the GAS NEWS office, room 1620.

Spring Flower Shows

The 31st annual Easter and Spring Flower Show will run from April 24 through May 9 at both the Garfield Park and Lincoln Park conservatories. Easter lilies, Angel Trumpets, French Hydrangeas, Dutch Iris and tulips, together with at least 20 other varieties of flowers may be seen from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, Sundays and holidays. There is no admission charge and the public is cordially invited.

The Colors of Spring

Lilac, in a soft shade, is moving into first place in color popularity. It is especially attractive in checks and plaids combined with other colors. Off-tone greens used with lime yellows are an unusual and distinguished combination. And, as spring moves along toward summer, we shall see more of the brighter-hued colors, such as deep pink, lemon-peel yellow, and Iris blue.

Don't Beef About Meat

If you haven't made friends with your meat retailer, it's high time you did something about it. That doesn't mean he might slip you an extra pound of juicy steak or roast, coupon-free, but he may be able to introduce you to some meat cuts of high satiety value which you've never known and which don't make as large a hole in your ration book as some of the very choice cuts.

You've undoubtedly decided that your meat-eating habits must "go to war" along with everything else. Just remember, the aim is not to forego meat but to make meat go as far as possible. It might mean the difference between a groggy, over-stuffed feeling after a meal and a pleasant, "just-right" sensation; a savory roast every second or third week instead of once a week or oftener; more stews and other extender dishes instead of large or extra servings of meat. If it makes possible a pound of meat for each man in the Armed Forces every day, it's a sacrifice we're glad to make as an important contribution to Victory.

Unfortunately no single food can substitute all that meat provides nutritionally. That means that you, Homemaker, will have to rely on other foods to fill out and balance your meals. Include more wholegrain products, and green, leafy vegetables to supply valuable minerals and the essential "B" vitamins, more beans, peas, lentils, eggs, and dairy products for body-building proteins.

Then there is the problem of using your coupons wisely and padding your week's menus with other foods not especially on the ration list. Any housewife should find this a stimulating challenge to learn more about foods and methods.

The ten "Golden Rules" to help you are:

1. Plan your meat meals ahead so they will be well-distributed over the week.
2. Know your meat cuts and befriend your meat man.
3. Store your meat properly after you buy it.
4. Cook meat properly. High temperatures shrink meat.
5. Use every bit of your meat.
6. Save and utilize all meat leftovers—stews, meat loaves, scallops, croquettes, sandwiches, etc.
7. Acquaint yourself with appetizing extenders, such as vegetables, bread crumbs, potatoes, rice and other cereals, spaghetti, nuts, etc.
8. Keep informed through local newspapers, lectures, the radio, magazines, and cooking schools.
9. Be modern and aggressive. Try something new in a meat dish.
10. Save kitchen fats to be used for cooking.

In addition, don't forget the ration-free protein foods: fish and poultry, eggs, beans, peas and lentils, etc.

Victory Gardens Will Sprout Soon On Company's Property

THERE WILL be no shortage of vegetables this summer and fall among the citizens in the vicinity of 32nd and Keeler Avenue, on the southwest side, if they follow through with their extensive plans to grow Victory Gardens. The Company recently granted permission to a community group in that vicinity to use its large tract of land between 32nd and 33rd Streets, and Kildare and Keeler Avenues for growing vitally important foodstuffs. Railroad employes are using another piece of Gas Company land a short distance south of the above mentioned property for gardening purposes.

Victory Gardens on property at 32nd and Keeler Avenue

Plant Vegetables In Gas Building Garden Display

ON APRIL 14 a full-grown Children's Victory Garden sprouted in Customers Hall. This display, arranged in conjunction with the O.C.D., the Chicago Park Board, and the Board of Education, is typical of the sort of gardens 30,000 Chicago school children will cultivate this spring.

Never before has home gardening gained such importance. In keeping with the times, the Chicago Park Board has turned over garden plots to the city's school children, the produce of which will contribute to many a family's larder and enable the children to do their share on the home front.

Through such displays as the one growing in Customers Hall and through gardening information received in classrooms, it is hoped that Chicago school children will grow a bumper crop in their Victory Gardens this spring.

Employes Plant Their Gardens At North Shop

Thirty North District men will soon be busy turning sod on the holder grounds at Irving Park Station for an employe Victory Garden project. This is the first inter-Company group to start employe gardens within the restricted areas of the Company. South District has signed up about fifty employes to take over plots of ground in an area to be set aside for Victory Gardens near 64th Street Station. Indications have been received to the effect that employes at other locations may do likewise.

28 Enroll For Illinois Institute Safety Course

TWENTY-EIGHT EMPLOYES are enrolled in the Industrial Safety Engineering course, a part of the War Training program sponsored by the Illinois Institute of Technology.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

YOU MIGHT LIKE to take time off from your latest activity, "Pick It and Spade It," to read up on just how that new garden should grow to produce those prize-winning vegetables. We have a number of good garden magazines and catalogs you may consult, and also some garden literature for distribution as long as our supply lasts. Current numbers of HORTICULTURE, BETTER HOMES & GARDENS, FLOWER GROWER, COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, and the HOME GARDEN are on file. We have leaflets on tomato growing, how to grow a Victory Garden, points on potato and strawberry growing, snap beans, culinary herbs, and a pamphlet on how to deal with those "fifth columnists" of the garden, the insects that will attack your precious crops. One of the best books on vegetable gardening now appears in pocket book form and is very reasonably priced—Charles H. Nissley's VEGETABLE GARDENING. He discusses equipment, selection of location, planning the garden, selecting the seeds, preparing the soil, planting and transplanting, cultivating, and even storing the vegetables for later use. The last third of the book takes up each vegetable and gives specific details for every vegetable you will grow.

Statistics creep into the Library Column only once a year. However dull they may seem at first glance, if you will study them a moment you will find a good picture of the many ways your Company Library has been able to serve your varied needs during 1942.

Books added to the Library, 110; Library magazine subscriptions, 163; subscriptions to business services, 69; books and pamphlets circulated, 4,535; periodicals and services circulated, 5,550; reference questions answered, 21,615; requests from schools and customers, 146; books purchased for employes, 728; magazine subscriptions for employes, 458. We wish to thank those of you who have donated books and magazines to the Library and to the Victory Book Campaign for the men in Service.

GAS *around the World*

BY WILLIAM HELME

TIN FISH—Out at one of our large industrial plants, aerial torpedoes are now being produced in ever-increasing quantities. These "tin fish," as they are commonly called in the Navy, are big powerful instruments of destruction, carrying hundreds of pounds of deadly explosives. Yet they have parts, precision pieces so small they can be very easily carried beneath a man's fingernail.

Many parts are made in air-conditioned, temperature-controlled rooms; rooms which are scrubbed each day because tiny particles of dust, no thicker than one night's dust on a piano, would destroy their absolute accuracy. There are parts so delicately poised that they are oiled with a hypodermic needle, with alternate drops placed carefully on each side. One extra drop of oil placed on the parts by the workman would throw them out of balance.

Precision work calls for a precision fuel. Gas serves to make some of these exacting requirements come true, the details of which cannot be told at this time, but the ultimate purpose is to deliver the "fish" in the best of condition to the enemy.

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CHICAGO AT NIGHT—Back in 1897, our town had 19,000 gas street lamps which were lighted and turned out each day by young men on bicycles with long poles. This number has steadily decreased until today there are only 4,340 in use. They are now lighted and operated by a small device about the size of an alarm clock. The lamps need attention only once a week when the clocks are wound and set for the turn on and turn off time.

For blackouts, a contrivance has been rigged up whereby block captains can turn off the gas. It consists of a wire hanging down from the clock within reach of a man on the ground. When pulled once, it operates some cams that put out the lamp. When pulled again, the lamp immediately goes back on.

Beaumont Heads State Safety Committee

ERNEST S. BEAUMONT, Safety Director, was recently appointed Illinois state chairman of a committee whose purpose is the conservation of manpower in war industries. This is a nationwide movement with representatives in each of the 48 states.

Whenever the government places a war contract in Illinois, Mr. Beaumont is informed of the fact. He delegates a Safety Agent to investigate the company handling the order and to report on their Safety conditions. If it is discovered that work hazards exist, immediate action is taken to remove them.

Eleanor Coambs Takes Badminton in Stride

ELEANOR COAMBS, General Accounting, who calls herself a "Badminton Bum," made the headlines recently when she won the women's doubles in the midwestern championship meet at Glencoe. Over two hundred badminton enthusiasts participated.

Last month Eleanor played in the Ohio meet at Cleveland. She won the mixed and the women's doubles and was runner-up in the singles.

Eleanor is a member of the Hamilton Badminton Club in Chicago. She became interested in badminton while attending college and now devotes two or three evenings a week to the game.

Couples To Take Part In Annual Bowling Doubles

ONE SURE SIGN of Spring around these parts is the Mixed Doubles Bowling Tournament of the Peoples Gas Club, normally held as a grand climax to the season's bowling activities. The couples will start mowing the maples on April 30 at 6:15 p.m., in the Bensinger alleys, 131 So. Wabash Avenue. The fee will be $1.34 per person, which includes the cost of bowling for three games.

This year's doubles, as in past years, will include couples from all sections of the organization, whether or not they have bowled with the Club league during the winter. The only requirement set by the bowling committee provides that at least one person of each couple must be an employe of Peoples Gas.

Noted Speaker, Company Girls, On Forum Program

THIS SEASON'S last Employe Forum, scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, will present a bang-up program. Dr. Chang-lok Chen, Chinese Consulate General, is the guest speaker and will talk on "Our Common Struggle."

Also, at this final Forum, the ladies will have the last say, for they are staging an act called, "Women on the Warpath." Exact details of this feature are a secret. Come to the Forum and discover what the women are up to.

Executives on Forum War Program

The principal speakers on the March 25 Employe Forum program, "The Gas Company Goes to War," were: Vice President F. X. Mettenet, Assistant Vice President P. E. Eddy, and Vice President E. I. Bjork, shown above. At the time the picture was taken, the discussion involved an explanation of practices established by the Company in cooperation with the W.P.B. to conserve the use of gas for domestic use.

"Fashions In Rations" New Radio Program Sponsored By Servel, Inc.

Karen Fladoes, Home Service Director, can be heard every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. over WBBM on a Servel-sponsored, nation-wide program called "Fashions in Rations." The series of weekly programs began April 3 and will continue through September 25. Of interest to every housewife, "Fashions in Rations" brings timely information concerning the food problems of war-time.

The program originates in New York City and features Billie Burke of movie fame as the fluttery, slightly baffled housewife. Each program also includes a food bulletin direct from the Office of Price Administration in Washington.

Midway in the thirty minute show there is a minute and a half break for station identification and for a brief announcement from the local gas company cooperating with Servel in this Columbia network broadcast. This enables each city on the network to give information of local interest to housewives. In Chicago, of course, Miss Fladoes, as Home Service's Martha Holmes, represents our Company.

Billie Burke, entertainment purveyor in the new radio series, "Fashions in Rations," is seen here showing her radio chef, Jefferson James, how to crack an egg. Sixty-eight local gas companies are cooperating in the radio series.

New No Man's Land—It's The Girls' Party

It's spring again—and the fair sex of the Gas Company are celebrating the event with an all-girl dinner party Thursday, April 29, at Tracy's Stevens Building Restaurant. Absolutely no men are allowed at this dinner; it's strictly for feminine consumption.

Dinner will start at 6:30. It is rumored that meat will be served! It is also rumored that pianist Vivian Martin, General Accounting, will provide dinner music. These are two items of the evening's entertainment which no one—that is, no girl—should miss.

Another item on the bill of fare is Bingo. Prizes will be in keeping with the times—namely, War Stamps. Here's an opportunity to fill in those partially completed Stamp albums, or to get a head start on a new one.

Party tickets are $1.00 for Gas Company girls; $1.50 for their feminine guests. (A man couldn't get in at any price.) If you haven't already purchased your tickets, contact any one of the following: Marion List, Sales; Mary Killion, Customers Order; Helen Kenney, Books.

Health HOW TO KEEP IT

By DR. HAROLD STEINBERG

"Why a health column?" Let me answer that question by saying that the incidence of normal healthy individuals among us is probably not as high as we imagine. In a series of periodic physical examinations carried on among the men in the shops of the Company, the boys who we must concede are probably the best physical specimens among us all, only one third presented essentially normal findings. We have observed that many of the existing defects need not have been present had these men had simple medical advice a few years earlier.

Well, what could they have done; what advice could the doctor have given them to prevent such physical defects? In other words, what is this column going to be about? Offhand, I would say it could stress a few ideas about abdominal pain, what to do and what not to do to prevent its occurrence, and how to proceed in serious emergencies until the doctor arrives. Then, there is our new friend, the vitamins. That subject is so badly exploited in the hands of lay persons and advertising groups that it needs clarification badly. We think you would like to know something about heart disease, high blood pressure, and cancer. We know that 90 per cent, and perhaps that is a conservative estimate, of cancer can be *cured*, if it is recognized early and proper medical guidance is obtained.

How about the weather and health, adequate nutrition in face of rationing, being overweight and underweight and its meaning, nervousness. These things might even be interesting reading. Just one more word, and then I've had my say. We are in a war, an important war, and we must win if all that we stand for is to survive. We can't afford unnecessary absenteeism now. You see this is all beginning to add up.

We expect to be with you every month, and perhaps you might be interested in spending a few minutes with us. Here's to your good health!

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Methods and Routine

BY JOSEPHINE SCHECKEL

THE Methods and Routine department took the American Red Cross Blood Donor Service by storm the other day, when five of our members—Merlin Smith, Harry Kaercher, Jack Swan, Harold Thorson and Ray Lundquist—descended upon it en masse, some of them for repeat performances. Realizing the great and urgent need for blood plasma today and the many lives saved by this "miracle fluid," we're all quite proud of their contribution. . . . The Peoples Gas group of the Junior Association of Commerce have elected a new chairman for the coming year. We're immensely pleased with their selection, as it's our own Paul Connors. Congratulations, Paul.

Industrial Sales

BY WILLIAM HELME

JOE VESELY, now a Private First Class with one of Uncle Sam's armored divisions, paid us a very brief visit when he was home on furlough recently. Army life seems to agree with him. . . . Our gang was well represented at the Employe Forum meeting. Leona Clark and Bob Wight proved quite adept tripping through the intricate square dance numbers much to the amazement of Martha Sobieski and Joe Weiss on the sidelines. . . . One of our engineers, a modest chap who prefers to remain anonymous, had a slight but embarrassing accident the other day which caused one of his co-workers to recall the following jingle:

"There was a young man from Gorham
Bought a new pair of pants and he
  Worham,
 He stooped and he Laughed
 And he felt a big Draft
And he knew right away he had Torham."

Research and Testing

BY H. W. FREDRICK

No WAACS, WAVES, WOWS, WAFS, XYZ's or what have you are pictured below. These fair young ladies represent the attractive part of the Research and Testing Division. Looking at you from left to right we find Mrs. Caroline Boeckmann, Mrs. Dorothy O'Keefe, Miss Mary Gately, Miss Shirely Wright, and Miss Myrle Thatcher. . . . Isn't it aggravating to have a sparse head of hair and stand by and watch Mark Kleeberg combing out his EYEBROWS. . . . Wonder what attraction that gum machine on the Adams Street platform has for Bud Hanko? Seems like the returns from the machine exceed O.P.A. specifications. . . . Paulson has at last been put into second place by one Louis Carmen Rinaldi. . . . When is a machine shop not a machine shop? Ask Joe Misiak—he can tell you. . . . The Victory Garden boys are all primed to start spading again this year. Messrs. Rinaldi, Kleeberg, Latham, Crane, Magnuson, Mueller, VanZytvelds, Purmal, Misiak, and Paulson will have the laugh on the rest of us when it comes to figuring out points. . . . Congratulations to papas Dufresne and Berg on the arrival of youngsters. Fathers and children doing as well as could be expected. . . . A most interesting Safety meeting was held last month due to the efforts of Mark Kleeberg, who discussed a safety program, and a hitherto unknown speaker of renown, "Swede" Carlson, who gave us the low-down on fire fighting equipment. . . . Vacation fever is in the air. Most of us are just aching for the feel of a golf club or fishing rod. . . . We have been receiving numerous anonymous calls concerning the whereabouts of Pete Kiner. Most of the calls were in a feminine voice. Holding out on us, Peter? . . . You can always count on seeing Russ Willson at least twice a month. Wonder if it is a coincidence that the twice a month is always on paydays? . . . John Nadvornik, who was a member of our Gas Research department, passed away on March 30 after a long siege of illness. We offer our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

The feminine portion of the Research and Testing Division. Left to right they are: Caroline Boeckmann, Dorothy O'Keefe, Mary Gately, Shirley Wright, and Myrle Thatcher.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

DURING the recent Personnel-Elevator Operators bowling meet, the latter yelled "Stick" every time Esther Hauptfleisch bowled. Consequently, one pin *always* remained standing, leaving her "strikeless." This good-natured ribbing prompted Esther to send the boys the following poem:

You may call me "Stick" and I don't deny
That that's the name for me.
But wait until April and you'll soon find
That she "ain't what she used to be!"

We Personnel gals will show you men
How we'll steal away three games.
And then if you dare to call me "Stick"
You'll be mobbed by five TEN-PIN dames!

Excitement runs high as both teams have won one session apiece in this tournament and the play-off will be held this month. And thereby hangs a tale! . . . Red Cross activities at the Blood Donor Service and the War Fund Drive keep Bernice Gleason busy these days and nights. In addition she has also completed the Home Nursing course and is now a Red Cross Staff Assistant. . . . If anyone has any extra ration coupons for butter, chocolate, sugar and spice, and all things nice, pass them along to Rosemary Steinwand. The Armed Forces have been so well supplied with goodies, Rosemary is down to the last half inch of butter for the month. . . . In the Spring, a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of . . . rollerskating! Tommy Hoberg is learning—the hard way? . . . According to last minute reports, our Personnel group is responding to the Red Cross' urgent need for blood donors.

Refining Plant

BY EUGENE McGRAIL

The picture below shows Pvt. Roland Kubicek, U.S. Army, just before he went on guard duty. Though the photo was snapped in sunny California, the "Riverside Romeo" is now stationed in the east. On his trip from the west coast he passed within a half-mile of the plant and in his latest letter to Carl Pieper he wrote, "I could see the men working at the plant. It took two M.P.'s to hold me." . . . We have the following news of the fellows in Service: Gordon Anderson is studying Chemical Warfare at Sheppard Field, Texas; Ray Connors will soon become Sergeant Ray Connors, Aerial Gunner. He is stationed at Panama City, Florida. Hank Herula has left for his boot training with the U.S.M.C. Bill Padgett has received his "Greetings" note from his Uncle. Fred Morley, Jr. is getting his first phase of pilot training at Maxwell Field, Alabama, after successfully completing his classification tests at Nashville, Tennessee. . . . The recent bowling tournament was a huge success. Four teams, each led by a member of the bowling team in the Central District League, competed and averaged 142 as a group. The team captained by Fred Duke, and composed of N. Wagner, M. McMullen and "No Jack" Opat, took the title with an average of 155. Joe Sartori, who led the runner-ups, had high game and high series for the group with 203 and 549 for the night. The highlight of the evening was the magnificent bowling of the "Terrible Trio," namely Bob Lavin, Bill Cody, and Nick Gaspar, who averaged almost 100. . . . A hearty welcome to Eugene Joseph Mezak, who has joined the office force. He's the only man living who talked back to the Morleys.

The fighter's stance, as posed by Roland Kubicek, now stationed in the east.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

It's been "Anchors Aweigh" around here the last few weeks, with Bill Lubben dropping in occasionally from the Randolph Street Armory. However, he has now shoved off to Texas A. & M. where he will continue his studies. We wish him luck. . . . Then it was our great pleasure to welcome Pat Dillon in from the Atlantic; he was wearing stripes which indicated participation in the African invasion. . . . These uniforms just leave us limp! . . . A lovely party was the farewell toast to Betty Hoban who leaves us to assume whole-time household tasks and point-ration battles. . . . Dick Fredericksen is basking in Florida's sunshine and living in style at a beach hotel while he carries on with his military activities. . . . Ed Ziemba is down the Louisiana way with all those glamorous southern belles; we hope he doesn't forget how really nice our Chicago girls are.

Tabulating Section

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

A very happy Easter to all our column readers, both big and small. . . . Bill Dorgan's little girl has been quite ill. Hope she is much better now. . . . To Tom Howe: "What's the idea of just up and leaving us to take duties in the Accounting department?" . . . Here is a high school boner that may be of interest: "A therm is a germ that creeps into the gas meter and causes rapid consumption." . . . A birthday one day and vacation the next for Marian Frude. . . . Dolores Taylor's Jack is now a P.F.C. after just four months. . . . Welcome back to Grant Kerrigan after his siege of illness. . . . Believe it or not, a Christmas card arrived at the office for Evelyn Sitkiewicz a short time ago. . . . It's not everyone who can have a bridal shower on her birthday as did Eileen O'Laughlin. . . . 'Member Jim Sheehan? According to his friend, Frank McGovern, he is up at Great Lakes and doing fine. . . . Almost any day one might look up from one's work in our room to see a Serviceman, a former co-worker, home on furlough. It's mighty good to see any one of them. . . . Say, Vic Gabrielson—why didn't you tell us your Uncle Sam wanted you? Vic left us March 31.

Building Department

BY FRED LORENZ

Pvt. Bill Murray, former elevator starter, recently returned to Chicago on a brief furlough from the Medical Corps at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. Perhaps you have seen him around the building and have noticed that newly acquired and handsome suntan he is exhibiting. . . . Our two Bobs are coming right along. Cpl. Bob Brown is now at Ford Ord, California, and Pvt. Bob Timm has been sent to a new camp at Santa Ana, California where he has been doing some carpentry work until the camp is in shape. . . . Leo Dudek, the latest in our department to leave for Military Service, has chosen the Marines and is on his way to California. He will soon be devoting his time to washing up the Japs instead of your windows. . . . The first war casualty associated with our department has been reported. Mrs. Mary Steklac, one of our night janitresses, was notified that her son, Pvt. John Steklac of the infantry, had been killed in action somewhere in New Guinea. The department extends its sincerest sympathy.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

We recently heard from Wallace L. Wates, formerly of the Ovens, who is serving Uncle Sam at Camp Murphy, Florida, which is near Palm Beach. He is receiving special Signal Corps training and expects to embark soon for one of the theatres of operations. In the meantime he is enjoying summer-like weather. He expressed high appreciation for the Christmas checks he received—one from the Company and one from the plant and sends greetings to the gang.

One of Crawford Station's boys, Wallace Wates, sends a big smile from Camp Murphy, Florida.

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

OUR CONGENIAL FRIEND, Bill Raden, has undergone an operation and is convalescing at the Edward Hines Memorial Hospital. Hurry Bill, as things are getting springlike at this South Chicago location. . . . Increased activities at the Archives seem indicative of the spring season. Out here one really appreciates the return of nature to its glories, even though we are in the center of the most industrial area in our great land.

Bookkeeping

BY PHILIP CRIMMINS

THE ST. PATRICK'S PARTY was a huge success. Everyone who attended complimented Joe McNerney and his orchestra on the wonderful dance music that they supplied. The floor show included such capable performers as Helen McCullough and Jess Olson. Helen sang several Irish songs while Jess featured the art of magic. A big round of applause to you all. . . . Cupid is rather busy this spring with promises of marriage between June Schlung and Cadet James Mayland, Josephine Rimkus and Sgt. John Janul. Congratulations, girls. . . . Jim Smart must have been in a hurry one Friday night, for he took Walter Rudenski's hat. But the joke was, Rudy started a week's vacation the same night. Consequently a special trip back to the office was in store. . . . When Geraldine Daley's girl friends learned that she was going to middle aisle it with Pvt. William Quinlan, they surprised her with a party. From the comments heard, a grand time was had by all. . . . Vacations are starting to roll around again with Ray "Cozy" Dolan and Henry Ninow back from extra days while Bernice Hartinger took in the City and Bill Burke started his spring house cleaning. . . . Betty Maughan and Pvt. Jack McGuiggan paid us a visit. They both certainly look grand. . . . The department suffered a great loss in the death of Art Berg on March 2. Art had served the Company twenty-eight years and nine months. The only break in his career was a year's leave of absence in which he enlisted and served in the United States Navy in World War I. Art was a quiet and unassuming person who took his work seriously. To everyone who knew him, he was a grand person and a true friend. Our heartfelt sympathy to his family. . . . We also wish to express our sympathy to Kate Wilson in the loss of her mother.

Stores—Warehouse

BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

IT IS our aim to send the boys away with a smile, and it is truly evidenced by the happy group in the picture below—the occasion being the "Going-Away" dinner in honor of Chris Tebbens, Jr., who was inducted into the U. S. Army on March 30. Chris was a favorite with many, and our sincere wishes for good luck and happiness go with him. . . . The handsome soldier pictured here is Warrant Officer Ed Fortmann, formerly of our Central District Storeroom, who has been in the Service almost two years and at present is the Camp Supply Director at Camp McQuaide, California. Steve Cusack is with the 608th Engineers at Camp Swift, Texas. Steve is putting on a little more weight. . . . Francis Benham is stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and writes that Army life is great. Cpl. Ralph Haggerty stated in his letter that it is about one year since he left the good old U.S.A., but he can't forget the swell people back home. . . . Ed Steinbach announces the arrival of Jeanne Marie, the second girl in the Steinbach house. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Steinbach. . . . On February 26 Mr. William Lundgren of the Warehouse Section and Mr. August Tonneman of the Crawford Avenue Storeroom were retired. Mr. Lundgren served the Company since April 2, 1922, and Mr. Tonneman since February 1, 1928. Both Mr. Lundgren and Mr. Tonneman were presented with a gift and our best wishes.

Ed Fortmann

At a gathering held in his honor, Christ Tebbens, Stores department, said good-bye to his workmates before joining the Armed Forces. In the picture, back row, are: Millard Keller, Florence Nolan, Dorothy Le Tourneaux, Marie Lehmann, Therza Cory, and Marge Ecklund. Seated are Melba Egan, Julia Petraskas, Christ Tebbens, Pat Dalton, Helen Flynn, and Doris Jacobson.

Messenger Service

BY LUCY COAKLEY

BEFORE JAYNE WOODS left the Ante Room to work on the Balcony, she and her mother went to see her boy friend who is in the Coast Guard. She gave us all a surprise by coming back engaged. Congratulations, Jayne. . . . Bette Carlson is the new girl in the Ante Room. . . . Eileen Sidlow can hardly keep her mind on her work because she is worried about her boy friend. He's a Marine and she hasn't heard from him in over a week. We all hope she gets a letter in the near future. . . . Uncle Sam doesn't overlook anyone including Jack Heckinger who left for the Army March 26. Good luck to you, Jack. . . . Messenger Service that was once all boys, is now all girls. The new ones are: Lois Nordeen, Iva Mae Whitcomb, Evelyn Navratil, Lorraine Le Gault, Margaret Corlin, Virginia Carrington.

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

TO DOROTHY ANDERSON goes the honor and distinction of being the first girl from our department to enter the service of Uncle Sam. Dorothy was called for active duty in the WAVES and is now procuring a knowledge of nautical terms and methods at Hunter's College, New York. . . . Corporal Jim Sheehy, looking great, was in for a visit and let the boys know how it feels to spend the winter down South. Jim graduated from Army Finance school at Wake Forest College, North Carolina, and was enjoying a furlough before commencing to do some accounting work for his new boss. . . . Helen Gage surprised everyone by returning from her vacation and announcing that she would henceforth answer only to calls for Mrs. Phil Millen. The members of the department surprised Helen—or is it Mrs. Phil Millen—with an appropriate wedding gift. Phil, who will be remembered as a former General Accounting department member, is a Lieutenant in the Army and at present is taking pilot training in Texas. . . . The St. Patrick's day party was a gala affair and though the Irish in our department did not fare as well as they might have, we are happy to report with justifiable pride that they were all on hand bright and early the morning of March 18. . . . Virginia Malinowski is sporting a diamond on her third finger, left hand, and rumors have it that wedding bells will be ringing in the near future. . . . As the Thursday noon bowling league enters its final stage, Harold Heckendorf's 241 game remains the season's high and Florence Lees' team continues to cling tenaciously to a one game lead.

Key Punch Section

BY PATRICIA BYRNE

Janet Olinski celebrated a very happy birthday March 3. . . . Whenever you see Nurse's Aides Arleen Pastal and Ruth Kath together, it's ten to one that hospitals and patients are the topic of conversation. Arleen modelled her uniform for us and now we all would like to join them in this work. . . . Additional noon-hour industrialists: Helen Dingman diligently working on an afghan. . . . Shirley Breese and Roma Schwenke teaching Terry Nessler to crochet. . . . Winona Schumann tatting away. . . . Hazel Bartz and Clarice Peters knitting sweaters. . . . La Verne Swigart attests to Marge Hendrickson's ability in directing plays.

Service Dispatching Section

BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

Weather: Spring is here! . . . fashions: Harry Burns discovers new method of disposing cigarette ashes and matches by putting cuffs on his shirts. . . . social notes: Johnny Drysdale and Madalyn really "hepped" at the St. Patrick dance. The Ray Schmitz keep dancing after the music stops. Roland Franzen displayed ball-room dancing at its best. A feminine version of the stag line awaited its turn to trip the light fantastic with Roly. Messrs. Burns and Christell, too, are masters of Terpsichore. . . . athletics: Pop Collins welcomes a 9 p.m. bedtime after getting his evening workout with Mike, age 2. . . . sports: That thirteen pound trout caught recently off Montrose pier has Joe Mittelman polishing up his fishing gear. By using porterhouse steak for bait, Joe hopes the trout will realize what sacrifices are being made to induce said trout to grace Joe's table.

Statistical

BY ELMER MICHAELS

We received a letter from Johnny Dolan who is in Africa. He states that life is interesting there but different from the good old U.S.A. . . . John Grindel has the gratitude of some American soldier for his donation of blood to the American Red Cross, which, by the way, is in dire need of blood donors. . . . The "Sticks" was well represented at the recent St. Patrick's party, with Ed Griffiths demonstrating the difficult art of modern dancing—jitterbugging. . . . We also got the surprise of the month when Captain John MacCauley visited us. He is stationed at Elgin Field, Florida. . . . The people in the Statistical would like to extend their sympathy to Edward Martin on the recent loss of his father.

Engineering Department

BY JULIEN JORDAN

We have heard from Ensign Tom Petty, who is somewhere at sea. He enjoys receiving the gas news. Tom said that "King Neptune" took over when they crossed the equator, and the men really initiated the officers who were crossing the imaginary line for the first time. . . . George Cheshire was in town on furlough just before shoving off on the new cruiser U.S.S. [redacted]. George will have the job of feeding some of the "Chicago Pianos" with 40 mm. ammunition. Put our blessings on some of those shells, George. . . . The Engineering department was represented at the St. Patrick's dance by Hank Giblin, Wes Matthews, Ed Malarkey, and Ed Anderson. We understand that Hank is pretty light while dancing on his own feet and cuts a pretty square at those Square Dances. For publicity purposes, Ed Malarkey said he did not dance. Don't you think he would make a good looking "wall flower?" Ed has joined the Peoples Gas Luncheon Club, which meets at the Art Institute. He said that he eats there for the atmosphere.

Photographic

BY MYRLE THATCHER

Uncle Sammie "dood" it again. This time to Fred Kann whose induction took place April 3. We wish Fred the very best of luck and hope he will return to us soon. . . . A letter was received from Al Walavich postmarked San Diego, California. Yes, Al is our Marine. Both of our boys were presented with an Eversharp Military Pen and Pencil set from this department so we should be on the receiving end of a few letters. . . . Elmer Beckwith, Superintendent Knitter's right-hand photographer, is doing all right for himself. Vic certainly keeps him stepping. . . . Could it be the doings of an Army Air Corps' correspondent that gives Shirley that certain gleam in her eye? . . . Also, ask Bob, our up and coming photographer, if it is true about that saying "In the Spring a young man's fancy turns—! !"

Customers

BY RICHARD J. CAHILL

It's a definite sign of spring when Nick Stewart starts carrying around the train schedules for Hot Springs. It's those yearly baths that help him maintain his youthful figure. Take note, you stout fellows. . . . Paul Strom is recuperating after having his appendix removed. Not to be outdone, Ed Flanagan had his removed, too. Both Paul and Ed are getting along fine. . . . This must have been operation month or else the boys are just getting in shape for the spring plowing of their Victory Gardens. Walter Lange has just returned after having a leg operation. Seeing him running around the office is proof that the operation was a success. . . . Speaking of Victory Gardens—we are indeed fortunate to have a fellow like Bill Schueler. Bill is known and respected as an authority on horticulture. It won't be his fault if carrots come up where we plant green beans. . . . It's a boy at the Lambke home—and on March 17 no less. However, the new arrival's name is not Patrick but John Bernard. We're mighty happy to report that mother and son are just fine. . . . Our sincerest sympathies to Tim Ryan on the recent loss of his sister, and to Joe Doody whose brother passed away.

Property and Tax Accounting

BY DOROTHY TEUBER

We see here a picture of the winning smile that greets John Carlson each evening when he arrives home. Johnny is now eight months old and furnishes a full time occupation for his mother. . . . Capt. John McCauley stopped in to see us on his furlough. We were glad to see the two silver bars that look so well on Mac's broad shoulders. . . . Our Waves, Marie Streit and Gen Cunningham, finished their indoctrination course at Hunter's College and are now Seamen, Second Class. Marie is to receive further training in the Storekeeper School at Bloomington, Indiana, and Gen has been assigned to the Yeoman's School at Stillwater, Oklahoma. . . . We shall miss Sally O'Connell who left her position with us to continue her studies at the University of Colorado.

Johnny Carlson, Jr. and his million dollar smile.

South District

BY JOHN SCHULDT

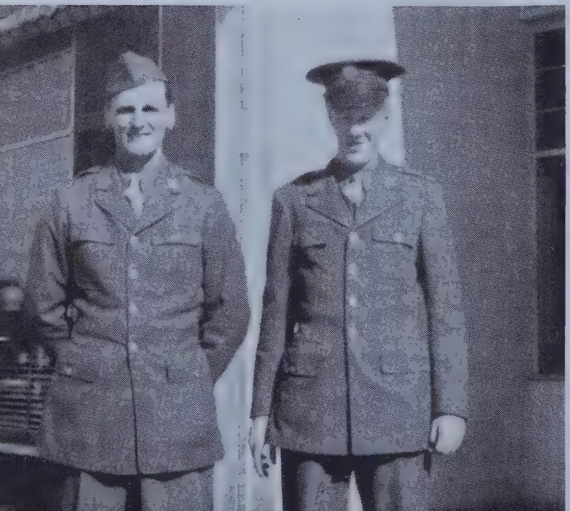
South District's Safety Forum Party held March 31 was a rousing success. Over 350 shop men and guests were present and the corned beef and cabbage dinner put everyone in a receptive mood for some grand entertainment. Thanks to Al Rusco for providing some of the entertainment with the dancing team of his daughter, Julie and her girl friend. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a watch to General Street Foreman Patrick Boyle who was retired after 31 years of service. The entire shop wishes him good fortune in the years to come. . . . Mike Weir's "Torpedo Men" are leading the Bowling League by one game with four weeks of bowling remaining. The Ranges remain in second place and are followed by the Drips. . . . There will be a lot of embryo farmers in South Shop this summer. A portion of the 64th Street Station yard is to be plowed under and divided into about 50 garden plots. These plots will be worked by the men requesting a garden. In addition to this the shop property outside the fence is being cleared for the benefit of the neighbors who will raise their own Victory Gardens.

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

It would be easier for this correspondent to list names of department members who are *not* planning Victory Gardens this year. Whether modesty or self-preservation prompts many non-committal attitudes toward entry into the Gas Club Victory Garden Show is not certain: modesty because they hope for at least ordinary vegetables, not necessarily prize ones; self-preservation because they figure on eating and not displaying them. However, such effort among the first-timers as well as the old hands should certainly lead to some proud entries. . . . Early last month we were sorrowed to hear of the passing of Ruth Robinson's dad, Mr. Ralph Robinson, Annuitant of the Company, who succumbed after a lengthy illness.

Buddies Voorn and Diamond, now at Fort Collins, Colorado.



Ashland Avenue

BY J. J. LYNCH

We just missed last issue by a matter of minutes, and that accounts for the late announcement of Edward Shuma's 25th service anniversary on March 15. To him it meant more than shaking hands with the income tax man—it reminded him of the 23 years that he has enjoyed in the various sections of the Domestic Sales department. . . . During J. V. Finn's recent illness, we had the pleasure of having William Longstreet with us as acting manager. He is now stationed at Roseland branch. We are glad to have Mr. Finn back with us again enjoying good health.

Domestic Sales

BY JAMES R. FLEMING

Now that March 15 is just a memory (pleasant or otherwise—you be the judge) we can settle back to our regular routine without making mental subtractions and additions every time someone mentions Tax. . . . We of the 5th floor were jarred more than slightly the other day when a husky individual with a tropical complexion strolled in and began to pass out the handshakes. In the fraction of a second that was required for the impulse from the brain to actuate our right arm, we recognized Alex Merutka, Ship's Fitter 1st Class, U. S. Navy. Naturally, he was no gushing fountain of information as to what the boys in "blue" were doing on the high seas, but we did learn that he has been to South America and that he got his "sea legs" in the Caribbean. . . . The picture at the left, below, should prove interesting to friends and acquaintances of Jack Voorn and Tom Diamond. These embryonic Lieutenant Colonels are members of the Army Air Force, and at this writing they are "cramming" at Colorado State College, Fort Collins, Colorado. Jack is acting Sergeant and can't be blamed for looking with pride at those three chevrons. . . . A letter just received from Don Hanslik, U. S. Army Air Corps, Boise, Idaho, states that he is enjoying married life. Unable to come back to Chicago for the one of his choice, Don surmounted this obstacle by having her come to him. Congratulations to them both. . . . Our good friend and yours, Ed Rice, will part from his associates on March 31. (He hasn't been drafted either!) Ed is a swell fellow and we'll all miss him. Watch your step Ed or they'll make an "ump" out of you. . . . Attention: Messrs. Kloster, Young, and Bitter. If you should by chance read this column, please drop a card with some brief outline of your present activity so we can publish it in GAS NEWS; we'd also enjoy receiving pictures from you-all.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

We welcome to our department Janice Kenny, Beverly Latimer, and Edith Swanson. . . . Jim Vignola is back with us again after being honorably discharged from Camp Adair, Oregon. We are glad, but a certain person is very happy about it all (eh, Julia?) . . . Broad smiles, handshakes, and the welcome mat was also extended to Dan Driscoll who preceded Jim "home." Dan was honorably discharged from Camp Wolters, Texas. . . . Corporal Lawrence Smith paid us a visit the other day. His friends will be pleased to know that he looks and feels fine. . . . Word comes to us that Staff Sgt. David R. Dunning, formerly of the night force, was married on March 1. Congratulations, Dave. . . . Attention: Anyone wishing tips on bowling, call Thursday between 11:30 a.m. and noon, third floor of Bensingers, at Adams and Wabash, and join Professor Snyder's class. Lessons are free. The professor won a game a couple of weeks ago from the class by bowling a neat 179. . . . Everyone had a good time at the St. Patrick's Party, and our department was well represented, as usual. . . . Evelyn Nanfeldt has left us to become the wife of Jack Kilroy and to take up domestic life. Congratulations. . . . Congratulations are also in order for Irene Lechner, who is now wearing a beautiful diamond. . . . We now have a sad bit of news for the old time collectors scattered here and there. The other day we received word of the passing of Enos G. VanAtta, at Olney, Illinois. He served in this department from 1898 to 1917, retiring in June of that year. His last residence was at Sumner, Ill.

Meter Reading

BY RICHARD H. BLOHM

Use gas that burns, true and blue.
Use gas, and watch it save for you.

Each cent you save, you must invest
In Bonds and Stamps; here your future rests.

So help your nation, curb inflation.
Buy Bonds and Stamps, they're not rationed.

The above poem was submitted by Cpl. Joe Scotillo of the Seventh Replacement Depot, New Orleans, Louisiana, in a recent letter to the boys. Swell, isn't it? . . . We miss Bill Timm and Dagwood Hickey who have left us to do war work. . . . Your scribe is turning this column over to a new man, but I wish to say it's been fun to write a few lines for you each month.

'Twas A Gay St. Patrick's Day Dance, March 17

Helen McCollough accompanies Vivian Williams and her guitar to entertain the dancers.

They danced to the tune of McNerney's orchestra in the Main auditorium.

The crowd lined up for the Conga Line, popular dance diversion.

Jule Rusco and Esther O'Connell displaye rare terpsichorean ability.

A bit of magic by Jess Olson produces a American Flag.

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We, however, must not expect our country's mothers and their sons to do the whole job. While we're not asked to make as great a contribution, we, too, are expected to do our part. We, too, have enjoyed those freedoms which are the envy of the world. This, too, is part of the heritage of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

On a dozen fighting fronts the sons of American mothers need the planes, guns and tanks to win. That is why the big Second War Loan Drive is on. That is why our government is asking us to lend 13 billion dollars within the next few weeks. That is why *we* must provide this money.

We're going to buy these bonds not only because they're so safe and because they pay us interest, or because in years to come they'll provide the money for a new home, or new conveniences. But we're buying them chiefly to *shorten the war!* We're buying bonds so that there may be fewer Gold Star mothers. That we may hasten the day when sons come *marching home.*

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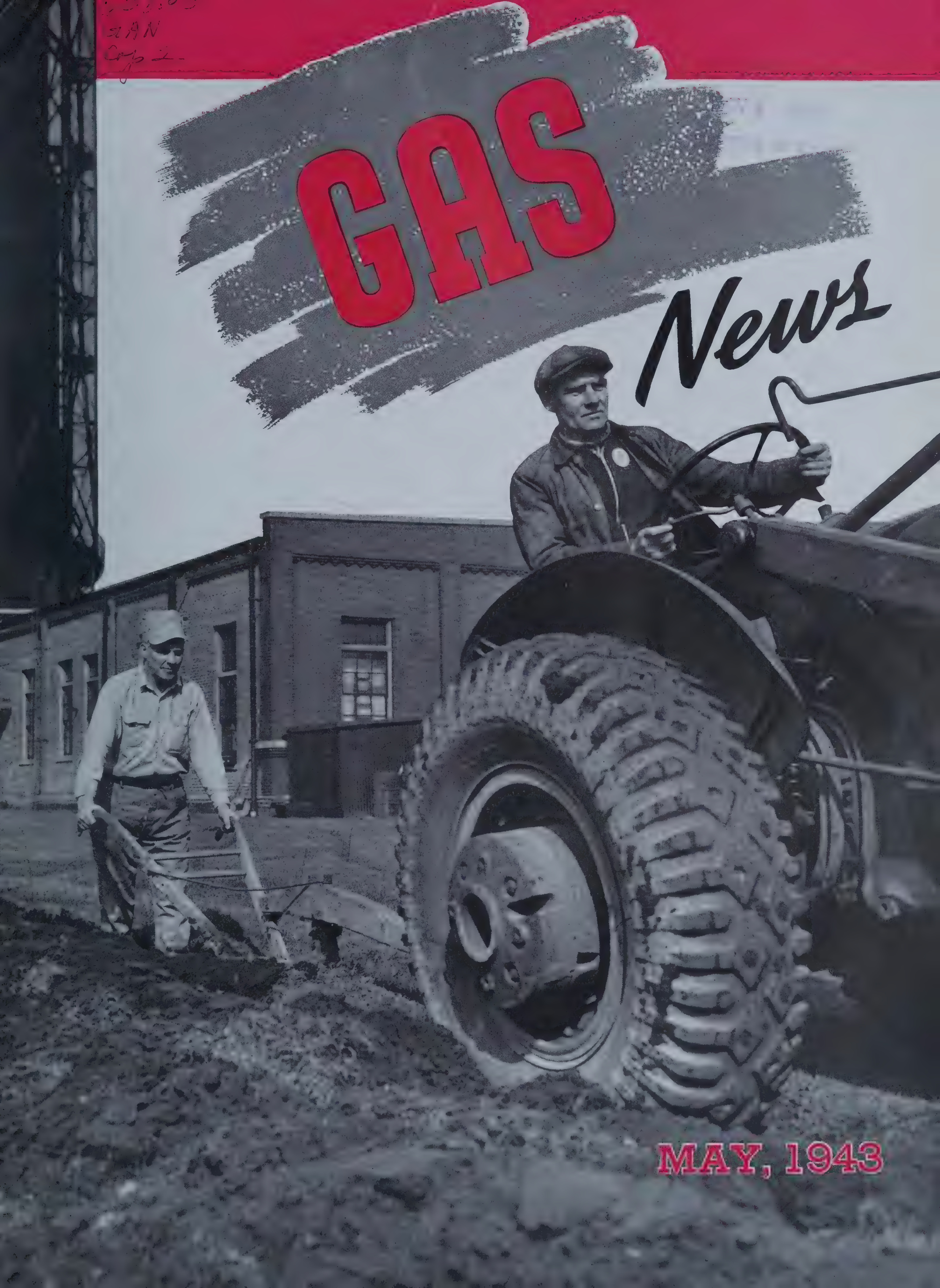

MAY, 1943

Spare Time Gardeners

Employe Victory Gardens Sprout Foodstuffs on Company Property

Two Home Service girls from near-by Irving Park Branch Office have taken over a plot at North District. They plan to can the vegetables during their regular demonstrations. Above, wielding the garden tools, are Lorraine Tyszko and Jeanne Reed.

Right, a roof-top view of North District's Victory Garden area showing the men hard at work after "quitting time."

A South Shop gardening quintet is pictured at the left. They are: Ellis Butler, Anton Micetich, William Kane, Ike Boutin, and G. E. Johnson.

Above, Gene Nanay, North District, believes in planting his rows straight. At left, Ed Howe, Robert Leon, Tom Keeley, and Dobry Bogdanoss prepare their garden plots for seeds and sets.

MILWAUKEE ROAD

The Gas Company Bond Wagon starts rolling June 1 in a fifteen day Victory Drive. The goal—a 10 per cent payroll deduction for War Bonds which includes every man and woman in the Company.

This drive, sponsored by the Peoples Gas Post, is a concentrated effort to increase our support of the war. During March, only 4.1 per cent of the total income of Gas Company employes went into Bonds. That isn't even half of what we should be contributing. That isn't enough to take us out of the slacker class.

During the Victory Drive there will be a series of Bond Rallies featuring war films and speeches by war heroes, who will tell us what the boys at the front are experiencing. You will realize as never before *why* you should lend your government at least 10 per cent of your salary. You'll realize that buying Bonds is the best investment possible.

Talk it over with your family. Revise your budget and plan now to increase your payroll deduction for Bonds. Hop aboard the Gas Company Bond Wagon and do your share in the Victory Drive!

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Gas News' Gold Star department this month salutes the Meter Readers for their excellent war service record. They have given 22 pints of blood to the Red Cross Blood Donor Center. To date, 71 members of the department have entered the U. S. Armed Forces. George Iwicki is Captain of the Illinois Reserve Militia in Command of Company A. Andrew Roback and John Written are First Aid instructors. Richard Clark and James McDonald work at the north side O.C.D. control center. John Naylor is secretary of local draft board No. 74. And, to top it off, 79 meter readers are cultivating Victory Gardens this spring.

How about the rest of you departments? Does your war service record deserve a spot in the Gold Star Parade?

Coming Events:

MAY SUPPER-DANCE
Friday, May 21
Knickerbocker Hotel
8:30 p.m.
EMPLOYE GARDEN SHOW
Date to be announced
SPRING GOLF TOURNEY
Saturday, June 19
St. Andrews Golf Club

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The Cover:

Commemorating an historical moment at South District, when the park surrounding the gas holder was plowed in preparation for Victory Gardens. Instead of carefully tended grass and flowers, this spring will see sturdy rows of vegetables sprouting around the holder. G. E. Johnson is pictured driving the tractor; E. M. Butler guides the plow. Photo by Vic Knitter.

Black makes White

The story of the "Snow White" of the Gas Industry reveals how a pure white salt is extracted from the dark interior of coal as a by-product of gas manufacture, and how it serves agriculture, industry, and helps to maintain public health.

If Aladdin, of Arabian Nights fame, were to visit some of today's modern industries, and see the miracles which are performed without the aid of an eerie genie, he would probably throw his magic lamp into the ash heap. One of the things that would astound him would be the perfumes, oils, fertilizers, medicines, fuels, and a great variety of other useful chemicals which are wrested from the black interior of coal as by-products of gas manufacture.

In the manufacture of one important gas by-product, black actually makes white! In the process of coal distillation, a snow-white substance is produced, one serving many useful purposes in industry and agriculture. It is called ammonium sulfate—or, in the lingo of a gas man, "ammonia salt."

The terrific heat of a coke oven vaporizes everything in the coal except the coke and minute quantities of other heavy chemicals. The coke oven fumes, dark brown in color, rise from the oven interior through a collecting main, and contain the following basic gas by-products: tar, ammonia, and light oils. As the hot fumes cool, the heavier compounds drop out. Tar, being the heaviest, drops out in the collecting main and in the primary coolers before the gas reaches the saturator where ammonium sulfate is formed.

The saturator (pictured on the opposite page) is a huge lead-lined vat, completely closed off to the outside air, and half full of a solution consisting of 5 per cent sulfuric acid, and 95 per cent water. The whole coke oven gas output of Crawford Station passes through the saturator before flowing onward to other purification processes.

As the gas vapor passes through this "bubble bath" in the saturator, the acid reacts upon the ammonia in the vapor and causes ammonia salt to form in the solution. The salt crystals, similar in shape, size, and color to common table salt (but not in taste!) settle to the bottom, and are drawn off in the solution through a pipe, into a funnel shaped holder to be dried.

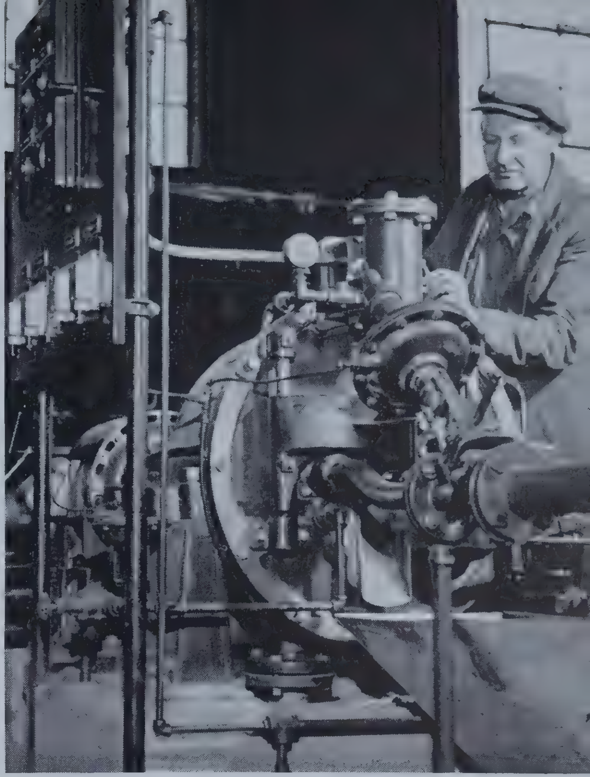
A sulfate drying unit of improved design was installed at the station about a year ago to replace obsolete equipment. The new unit is compact, and to a great extent, automatic in operation, consisting mainly of a revolving porous drum which washes the salt and removes the water-acid solution. The revolving drum runs continuously when being used, although the drying process is intermittent, with alternate loading, washing, and drying by means of centrifugal force.

Used as Fertilizer

Ammonium sulfate is probably best known as a fertilizer. Being about 20 per cent nitrogen, it forms a large part of many prepared commercial fertiliz-

100 LBS NET
ARCADIAN
DRIED AND SCREENED
SULPHATE
AMMONIA
THE BARRETT CO.

On a conveyor, the 100 lb. sacks of sulfate arrive at the sewing machine which seals the bag. In the above picture, Carmine Gratace is operating the machine.



The new type ammonium sulfate dryer at Crawford Station is receiving a minor Adjustment from Carl Larson, shown above.

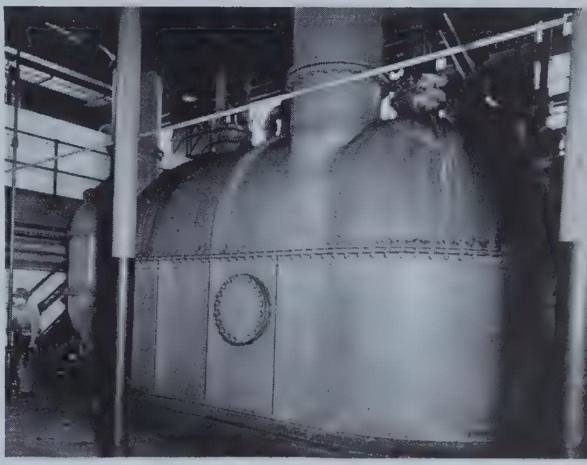
ers. In some cases, potassium and phosphorous are added as required to form the basic chemicals needed by all growing things.

This "snow-white" of the gas business holds an important place in industry. One of the newer uses for the substance is its successful application as a fireproofing agent, especially on permanent drapes and decorations such as those which were instrumental in spreading the flames in recent night club and bowling alley fires.

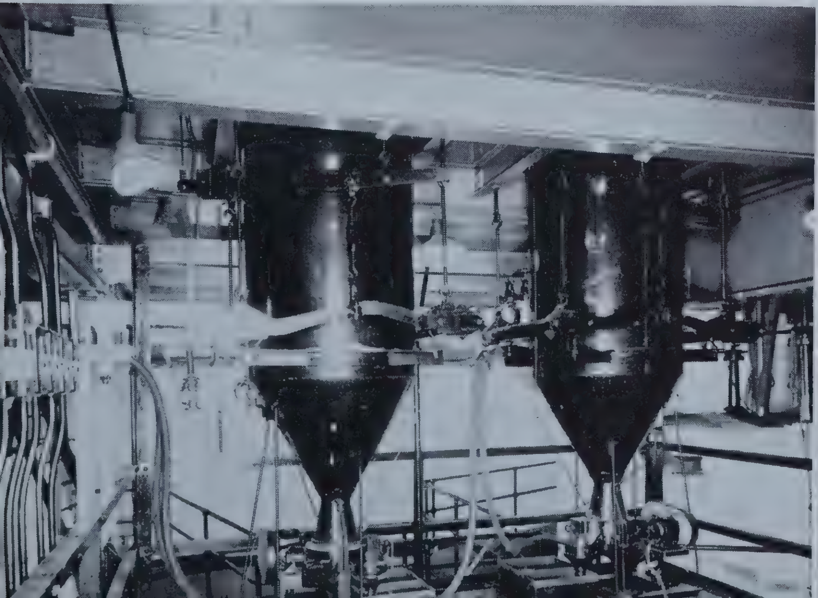
In many municipalities, including the City of Chicago, the white salt is used in drinking water to act with the chlorine as a purifying agent. The ammonium sulfate has the effect of prolonging the germ-killing action of the chlorine. It also prevents the atoms of impurities in the water, such as phenols, from merging with the chlorine atoms to cause a bitter taste.

And so it is that the gas industry produces a useful by-product of coal gas, originally formed from the vegetation of bygone ages, to help grow our Victory gardens of today, to serve our industries, and help to preserve our national health.

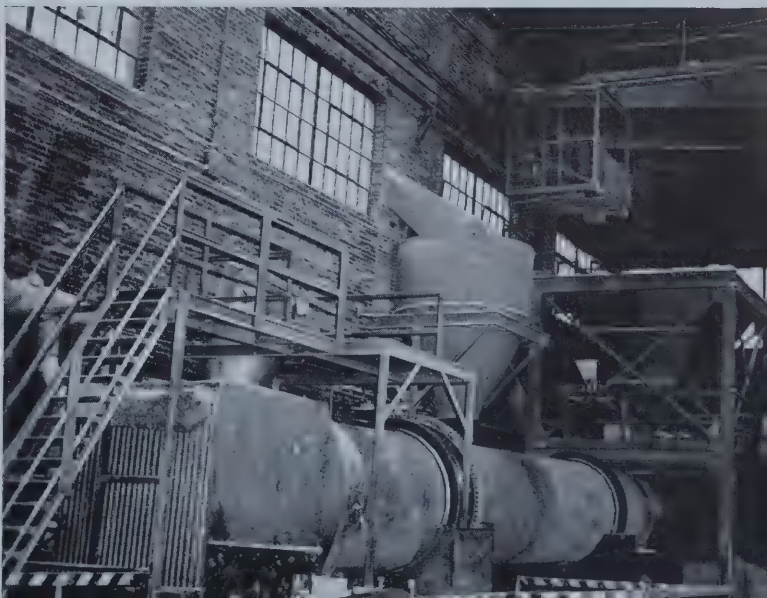
Below, the saturator where ammonium sulfate is formed.



The picture below shows a typical installation for feeding the ammonium sulfate into the municipal water supply. The sulfate is used with the chlorine in the water to prolong its purifying action.



The monster-like dehydrating unit shown below removes moisture for a high grade brand of ammonium sulfate. Hot air is forced through the revolving cylinder as the sulfate is being sifted through a series of screens.



ALL OUT FOR SAFETY

The photographer had a busy night April 13, when over 200 men in the Operating Division convened for a Safety dinner-meeting. Reproduced on this page are the results of the photog's efforts. For story of the meeting, see opposite page.

LEARN
SAFETY
LIVE

At right, the speakers' table. Karl B. Nagler had the floor when the picture was snapped.

Operating Division Begins Safety Contest

OVER TWO HUNDRED KEY MEN in the Operating Division gathered on April 13, at an evening safety meeting, to launch an intensified safety contest, the purpose of which is to reduce lost time accidents in the division. Executives of the division were there, as well as superintendents, assistant superintendents, supervisors, foremen, and a few invited guests from other divisions. The contest began on April 16, and will continue until December 31, 1943.

From the speakers of the evening, the men learned about the various phases of the contest, its competitive aspects, and what it is expected to accomplish. From Assistant Vice President K. B. Nagler they received some pointers concerning the manpower question, the protection of our properties, the reason for the contest, and some pertinent advice about "safety mindedness." Mr. Nagler described safety as a "way of living which prevents accidents."

Assistant Vice President P. E. Eddy, reminded the men that the Safety and Medical sections act as consultants, and assist in every way possible by means of speech, literature, and demonstration, to help reduce accidents. He described the Safety and Medical sections as "service units," and compared their work with that of the teaching profession—studying all phases of the subject, then teaching and making suggestions to others. Said Mr. Eddy: "Superintendents, supervisors, foremen—you are responsible for the records of your men. You must teach them how to do their work properly, how to do their work safely."

Further emphasis was placed on the importance of the foremen and supervisors in the safety picture by E. S. Beaumont, Director of Safety, who said that the foreman is the key man in safety, and each has a specific responsibility for the men under his control. After touching on some of the high spots in the Company's safety record, he predicted that our present situation can be improved. He covered the proposed program of quarterly district meetings, and other plans for the contest which will be conducted on a competitive basis between the supervisory personnel in the division. The two final speakers on the program, William H. Issacs, Superintendent of South Station, and Thomas R. Bogumill, Assistant Superintendent of South District, covered specific rules in the contest governing the Stations and the District Shops.

The idea for the contest as conceived originally by J. J. Novy, Operating Engineer, provides for keeping the division's employes better informed and better trained on matters of safety, with better planning and supervision. A set of general rules has been adopted to guide all participants, and a group of specific rules has been formed for the various specialized departments, giving each key man a clear picture of his part in the contest.

The general and specific rules outline the following points which will guide the General Safety Committee in the selection of winners: 1—number of lost time injuries; 2—average number of men supervised daily; 3—housekeeping; 4—first aid; 5—use of protective equipment; 6—use and care of tools; 7—prevention of damage to property and equipment; 8—safe practices; and 9—planning and execution of work.

Company Finds Customers For Gas Appliance Dealers

CUSTOMERS who come into the Gas Company's salesrooms with a PD-423, an order which authorizes the purchase of a gas range, cannot always find a range to suit their needs because of the limited stock from which to choose. When this occurs, it has been the practice to refer the customers to a member of the Company's Dealer Division who, after numerous calls to stores throughout the city, usually manages to locate the desired range.

It was decided that if the Dealer Division had on file a list of the various gas appliances which dealers now have on hand, the job of supplying customers with needed ranges, etc. could be carried on much more advantageously.

A letter explaining this plan was recently mailed to approximately 650 gas appliance dealers throughout the city. Their cooperation will be of immediate help in this day of decreasing inventories.

May I Appointments Affect Three Employes

IN THE OPERATING DIVISION three appointments became effective May 1. Herman L. Larson succeeded John A. Dufresne as Superintendent of North Production Station. Mr. Dufresne retired May 1 with a Company service record of almost forty years.

Charles W. Wege was transferred to Division Street Production Station as Assistant Superintendent. Replacing him, as Assistant Superintendent of Calumet Station, is Wilton L. Brown.

Meter Readers Rewarded For Excellent Records

A SURE SIGN OF SPRING in the Meter Reading department is the day when Albert L. Tossell, Vice President Customers Service, distributes the awards for errorless meter-reading. This year, on May 3, thirty-four awards ranging from $12.50 to $105 were presented.

Topping the list was William Morgan, who received $105 for his record of nine years without an error. Two men had a four-year record of no errors and received awards of $55. They were Harold Gustafson and Tom Fanlon, now at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Meter reading accuracy for 1942 was 99.97 per cent.

Edward McMahon presents checks to Meter Readers William Morgan and Harold Gustafson.

DEGREE DAYS *and the Weather*

The chart below shows how Old Man Winter went on a spree last heating season, just when gas conservation was (and still is) so important to our Country's war effort.

EVERYBODY talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it," is a famous quotation often attributed to Mark Twain, but it actually came from the pen of Charles Dudley Warner, of the Hartford, Connecticut, COURANT, printed about 1890.

The above might have been an appropriate statement in 1890, but in more recent times much has been done about the weather. The modern home, store, or office building is equipped to defy the elements, and to a large extent ignore some of the vagaries of nature. We can maintain a constant supply of pure air at the desired temperature and with a minimum of manual effort.

Everyone knows that the weather of some seasons is more severe than that of others. From the Weather Bureau records, which date back to 1872, averages have been compiled, and a normal season has been ascertained. Furthermore, normal weather for any month in the year has been determined on the basis of averages supplied by the Weather Bureau.

Since the fuel requirement of every heating customer fluctuates from season to season in accordance with the weather, a system of "degree days" has been established which gives both the customer and the Company a clear picture as to whether a given day, month, or year is above or below average. Gas companies everywhere use "degree days" when estimating heating cost and forecasting seasonal cost, because when fuel is used automatically and billed as it is used, as is the case with gas, the bills vary in relation to the weather. The significance of this is illustrated by the fact that on a zero day ("mean temperature" 0°), about 1% of the total season's fuel is consumed, whereas in milder weather (say with a "mean temperature" of 60°), it would take approximately thirteen days to consume this same amount of fuel.

The Weather Bureau's official recording station is at the Municipal Air Field, 63rd Street and Cicero Avenue. It has been established by them that a normal heating season for Chicago is comprised of 6,423 degree days. The period used by the Gas Company to cover this normal is from August 1 to July 31.

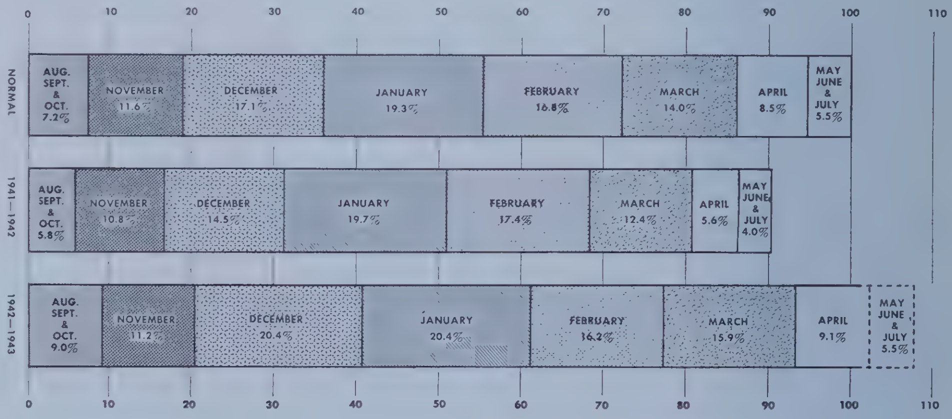
The Bureau keeps a record of temperature for each hour of the day. The 24-hour period from midnight to midnight is considered a day. A point half-way between the lowest and the highest temperature is called the daily "mean temperature."

A term "DEGREE DAY" is used to represent *each degree* that this "mean temperature" is under 65°. For instance, if the daily "mean temperature" for a certain day is 60° that day has 5 "degree days"; if the "mean temperature" is 40°, there are 25 "degree days," etc., etc.

So far this season, from August 1, 1942 to May 6, 1943, we have had 6,614 degree days. The accompanying chart portrays the heating requirements of a normal season, and enables us to follow, month by month, the difference between last year and this. It clearly shows that last year's requirements were less than normal, and that this year's will be far greater.

On the basis of 6,423 degree days as a normal for Chicago, this heating season, now drawing to a close, will be 7% colder than normal. The 1941-42 heating season was 9.78% warmer than normal. This heating season, as of May 6 (when this article went to press), was 18 per cent colder than last heating season.

It was unfortunate that old man winter picked last season to go on a spree, just when the conservation of heating fuel was (and still is) so important to our war effort. The winter weather just passed has seldom been equalled in the history of our Weather Bureau records. It is interesing to note that since the season of 1872–73, the earliest year shown in Weather Bureau Records, the coldest season was the first, with a total of 7,783 degree days and that seventeen seasons out of 70 have had as many degree days or more than the 6,893 estimated for this season. However, only five of the seventeen have occurred since 1900.



By comparing the shaded areas in the above chart, the differences between this (1942–43) heating season, and normal can be observed. Each square shows the percentage of the normal season required by each month. The top strip shows the normal season. The middle strip reveals the month by month requirements for the 1941–42 season, while the bottom strip shows that the current season, now drawing to a close, was much colder than last, and that fuel requirements were greater than normal.

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Covering the Months of

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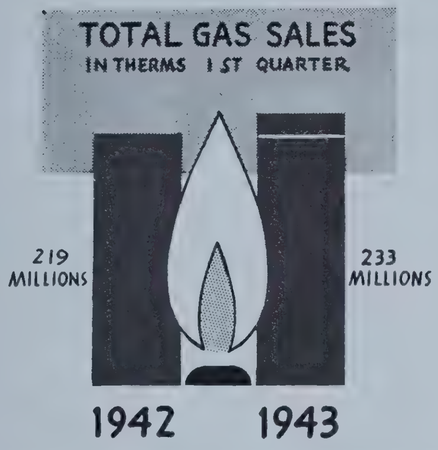
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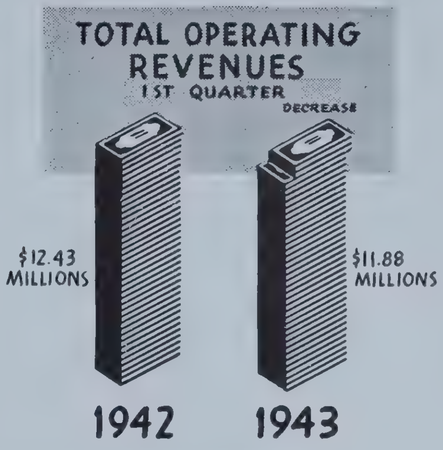
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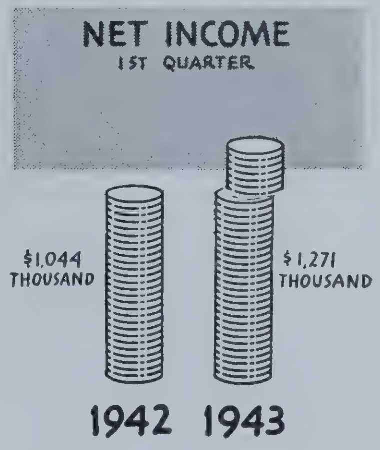
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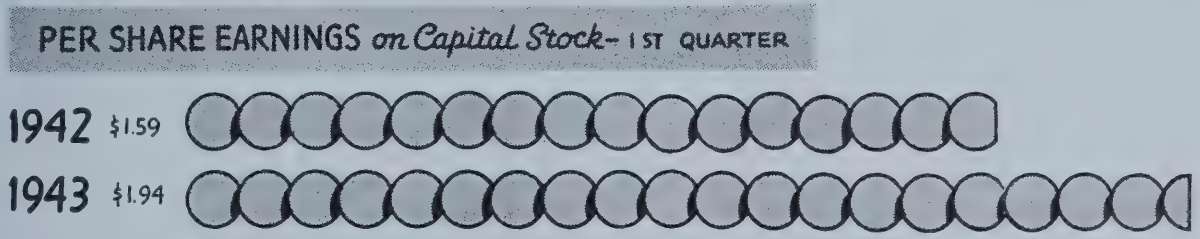
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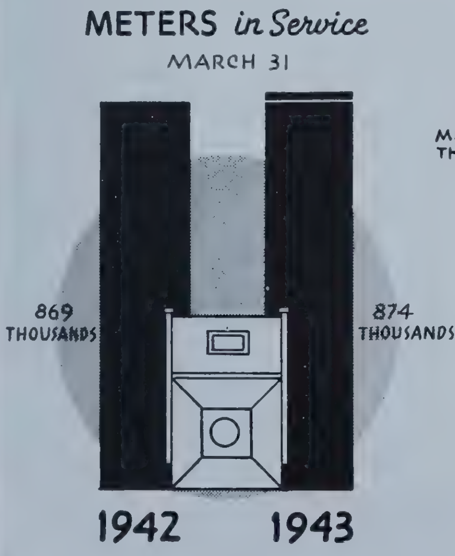
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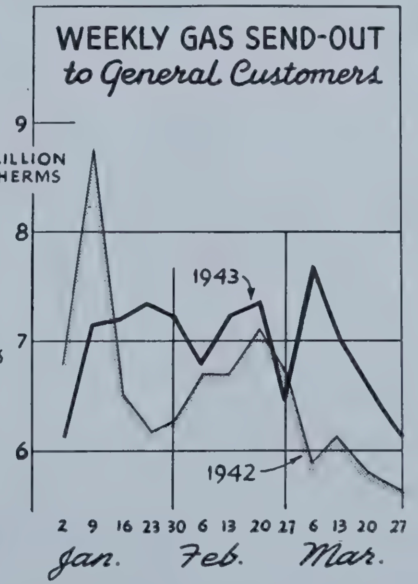
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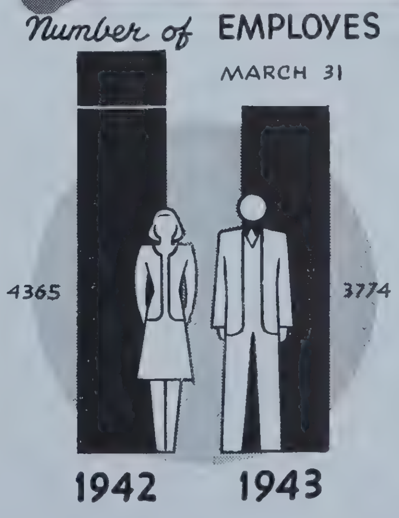
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How the Nazis Finance Their War

By Stefan Heym

Stefan Heym is a young German writer who fled to Prague after Hitler came into power. He was brought to this country on a scholarship by the University of Chicago, took his Master of Arts degree there, and is now in New York where he edits an anti-Nazi, German-language weekly newspaper. His recent book, "Hostages," has been a best-seller.

IMAGINE yourself suddenly transplanted into a German factory, right in Germany—anywhere in Germany. Imagine you hear the whistle screaming: 12 Noon. You have twenty minutes for lunch. Pale and grimy, overworked and underfed, men and women push toward the doors of the halls to catch a bit of fresh air in the yard.

Suddenly a commotion—angry voices growing louder: "The doors are locked!" Uniformed SS-Guards, well-fed, well-clothed, well-shod, have taken up posts at the doors—two to each door. Their blooming health is in cruel contrast to the deep-lined pallor of the workers.

What is this? . . . A raid? Does the all powerful Secret State Police suspect that some of the men and women working here are not as enthusiastic about the war as Hitler would like them to be?

Then the loudspeakers begin to boom.

It is just a collection. The slick voice of the little Doctor, Goebbels, riling the people. Once more, the Winter-Help campaign is opened.

The Guards come around with tin-cans and lists. You sign up and you pay up. You had better. You're lucky to be working for pay. In the concentration camps they don't pay at all.

The Winter-Help drive is a seasonal squeeze under the guise of charity. The money, of course, is not used for charitable purposes but to swell the Nazi war chest.

The most outrageous Government skullduggery, however, is the installment payment plan for the "Volkswagen," the people's car. Several years ago, with great fanfare, a drive was launched to secure for every racially and otherwise pure German workman a people's car, to be built in special people's car factories. The people were ordered to pay, in advance, installments for the promise that a spick and span people's car would be theirs—at some future date. The factories were built all right—but no German worker ever saw his Government car. Outside of a few samples, which were given to Nazi functionaries, the factories have turned out tanks. But the people still pay their installments on the "people's car."

These several deductions are aside from stupendously high income taxes. Nevertheless, most Germans have some money left over and above taxes and "charities." The reason for this is simple: there is very little to be bought since everything is rationed, and even the allotted goods are seldom available. Therefore, the Nazi Government exerts pressure, by its usual methods, to make people put their surplus cash into savings banks. This having been achieved, the Nazi Government "borrows" the money—that is, confiscates it—from the banks.

Yet, in spite of all their power, the Nazis have not dared to call for a voluntary purchase of War Bonds. There are no German War Bond issues for the people—to ask the people to buy Nazi War Bonds voluntarily would have amounted to a plebiscite on the war, a plebiscite which the Nazis did not dare to face. The German people no longer believe in a Nazi victory—that is why the Nazis must resort to trickery and brute force to make the German people and all enslaved European nations pay for Hitler's war.

"Thank God I'm an American," you say when you read an account such as the one above of life in tortured Germany. Those words are a prayer which each of us carries in his heart—a prayer of thanksgiving that we live in a land where the four freedoms are cherished, where life is precious, where a man can live without fear.

However, it's a superficial sort of religion or patriotism, call it what you will, which makes a man content to give mere thanks for the privileges which are synonymous with America. Some men are giving their lives. . . .

Is it asking too much of us to give dollars? Our government has issued War Bonds to the citizens of the United States—in effect, dared the plebiscite which the Nazis fear. Your purchase of War Bonds is your vote in this plebiscite. Do you believe in our ultimate Victory? Do you believe that the principles for which we fight are worthwhile? If so, you'll vote a red, white, and blue "yes" by investing every dollar you can spare in War Bonds!

Give thanks to these fighting sons of America—but give them dollars, too.

Get on the Gas Company Bond Wagon!

V Letters

FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

Lt. (j.g.) Bert Alport, U.S.N.R.
Fleet Service School
Virginia Beach, Virginia

I arrived at the Fleet Service School last fall and I've been here ever since, teaching school. My latest accomplishment was a promotion to Lieutenant, junior grade, on March 1, along with the other thousands of Ensigns who had been in Service as long as I had.

Within the month there should be an addition in the family, which I hope will be a boy. I'll let you know when he arrives.

E. J. Stamm SF 1/c
Somewhere in the Pacific

I've been in Service almost four months now. I joined the U.S. Navy, Construction Battalion, but since then we have been working right along with the U.S. Marines. I guess we are now known as Marine Engineers.

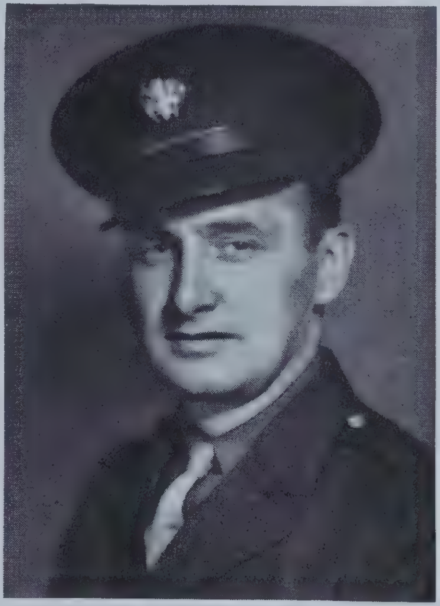
I am on an island somewhere in the south Pacific area. Believe me—out here we forget about pay days and just keep waiting for the arrival of our mail. I'd appreciate hearing from all my friends at the Gas Company; I promise to answer each letter.

The Gas Company's only WAAC—Irma Stein, formerly of the Customer Accounting department. She received training at Fort De Moines, Iowa, and is now in the field with a WAAC Company at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Cpl. A. J. Rierdon
Somewhere in the Middle East

I'm feeling fine and still hit the 157 mark on the scale. Hope you're all O.K. after the long, cold, and icy winter you had back in Old Chicago.

Do you recognize the Yank on the enclosed picture? In case you don't, it's Sandy Art of the Middle East. Try as they may, they still can't make me look cute and pretty.



Cpl. A. J. Rierdon, Treasury-Disbursement.

Pvt. J. J. Harris
Hq., 93rd College Training
Detachment (Air Crew)
Sq. A—Flight 1—Room 117
Black Hills Teachers College
Spearfish, South Dakota

The program here is something new in Cadet training. We will go through five months schooling before we leave for our Primary Training and until that time is up we'll be known as Privates.

We are under the direction of Randolph Field and the base here is run under Randolph Field Cadet regulations. Studies are rather hard. Classes start at 8:00 a.m. and continue until 6:00 p.m.—time out for lunch, of course.

Ensign Lois Horlick, a former Home Service employe, is in the Communications Field at Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Cpl. William J. MacDonald
Station Hospital
Medical Detachment
March Field
Riverside, California

We arrived here via Fresno, California, where we completed our training. We really got the works there. It was quite a stiff program.

Everything here at March Field is tops—the food is marvellous, and the officers and non-coms are great. We have carefully arranged athletic programs. Right now I'm playing on the camp baseball team. We beat U.S.C.—they won the Pacific Coast Inter-Collegiate championship. It was a swell game—the score, 6 to 5. I drove in the tying run in the eighth, but struck out in the tenth with the bases loaded.

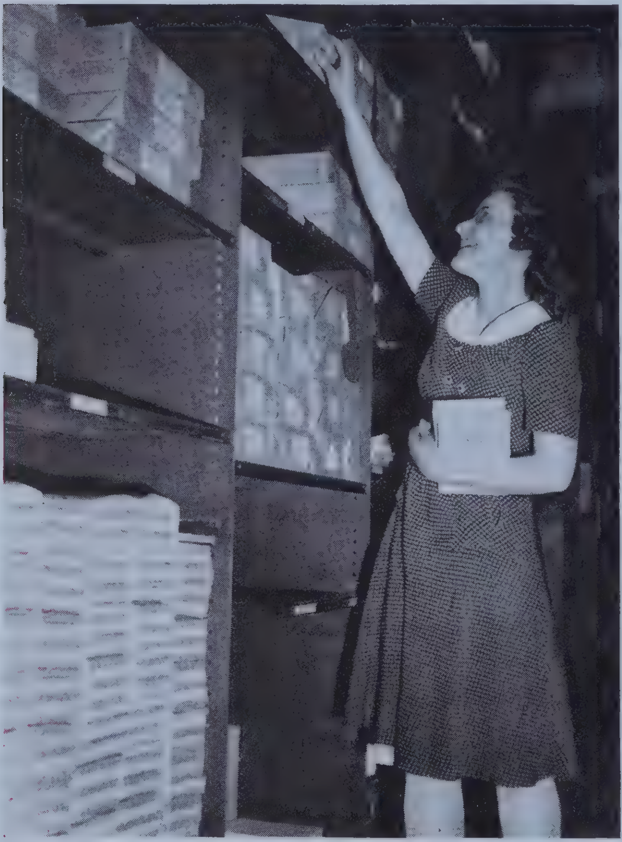
We have a swell swimming pool and must learn to swim. Not only learn but pass tests as well. With swimming, volley ball, baseball, and calisthenics every morning before chow, I'm in pretty good shape.

I'd sure like to hear from some of my friends at the Gas House. I'd like to write them all but maybe this letter will serve that purpose.

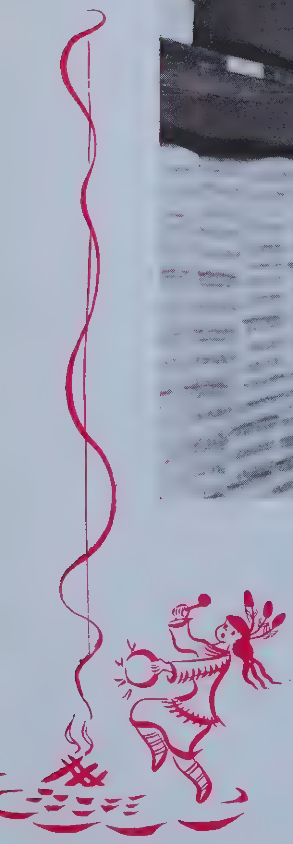
Women

The size alone of the photostat machine in the Photographic department would be enough to baffle most women. Yet, Myrle Thatcher and Shirley Wright, pictured above, have mastered its intricacies and now do much of the photostat work for the department. They are shown studying a blueprint of a meter installation, preparatory to making a photostat copy.

The picture above is a familiar Company sight. Valerie Larson, one of the mailwomen, sorts out mail for a department on her route.



In the Stationery department a girl now carries on the work of routing and dispatching orders, wrapping packages, checking stock, and doing the many odd jobs of a department which keeps the Company supplied with everything from carbon paper to typewriter ribbons. The candid shot at left caught Doris Jacobson reaching for new heights.



Camille Palumbo is one of several girls in Bill Delivery who now operate the motor driven bill-folding and envelope-inserting machines. Since more and more boys have gone into Service, nimble feminine fingers have learned how to keep these noisy, intricate machines in action. The photographer snapped the picture at right just as Miss Palumbo placed a handful of insertions into the conveyor.

On The Warpath

THROUGHOUT the nation, during the days since Pearl Harbor, a gradual but persistent transition has been taking place. The white collar girl is on the warpath! She's rolled up her sleeves and is contributing a very large share in the march to Victory.

Our Company has been no exception to this nation-wide trend. Departments which once were considered strictly masculine domain have added the feminine touch. Jobs which were always held by men are now being carried on by women.

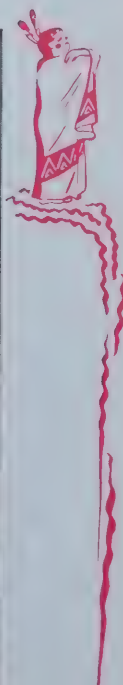
The candid shots on these pages give a brief story of what's happening in the Gas Company. Each picture is that of a woman doing a man's job—doing it with such intelligence that she has won the respect of all her fellow workers.

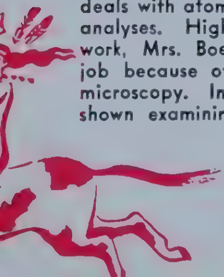
When an idea hits the Display department it is delegated to one of these two girls for execution. They give the idea tangible form, make an exact scale drawing, and blueprint plans for each detail of the display. In the picture above, right, Valentine Gecht and Nettie Hart compare the blueprints they have made with the finished job.

Duplicating machines in the Correspondence department have been taken over by women. In the picture at right Eleanor Rada is busily running off a batch of mimeographed bulletins.

Messenger Service represents probably the most complete feminine invasion of any department throughout the Company. Eleven girls now carry on the activities of this section. In the picture above Edith Nielsen, Beatrice Lach, and Evelyn Navratil busily pigeonhole the mail which is constantly bombarding the department; Iva Mae Whitcomb fills a mailbag, preparatory to making the rounds of Company departments.

The Research and Testing Division now boasts a woman chemist, Caroline Boeckmann. She deals with atoms and molecules, formulas and analyses. Highly specialized and technical work, Mrs. Boeckmann is well-fitted for her job because of an extensive background in microscopy. In the picture at right she is shown examining minute particles of metal.





THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Beauty the Chinese Way

For many centuries the great ladies in China have worn touches of turquoise blue or jade in the form of earrings or necklaces. They realized that these colors lent a translucence to their skins that no other color could.

Naval Maneuvers

Noticed in THE LOG . . .

"Men of the Navy know how to button their lips. At a Pacific port a nice old lady was leaning over the balcony of an esplanade. 'What's the name of that ship down there?' she inquired of a sailor who was standing beside her. 'I don't know,' said the sailor. 'That's too bad,' said the lady. 'What ship do you belong to?' 'That one,' answered the sailor, and sauntered away."

Botany Study

If you or members of your family wish to increase your knowledge of botany, you can do so by attending the symposium entitled "Experimental Botany in the Laboratory and in the Field" on Tuesday, May 18, at 8:00 p.m. It is presented by the Cowles Botanical Society of the Chicago Academy of Sciences. Much enthusiastic interest is being shown in this symposium. With the increasing demand for plants and plant products in the present world crisis, the practical aspects of botany afford new opportunities for students. Speakers have offered cordial assistance to those who wish to undertake experimental botanical projects during the coming season. The Academy is located in Lincoln Park, Clark Street and Ogden Avenue. Admission is free.

Diamond Data

Did you know that a grand total of 350,000,000 rough diamonds is a good annual yield in an average year? This total includes both some 75,000,000 cut gem diamonds and the diamonds used in industrial processes, which have gained importance in the war materials manufacturing program.

Smooth and Practical

This crocheted chapeau, veiled and anchored subtly over one eye, will add "swish" to your spring ensemble. Costing less than one dollar to make, it is worked in two strands of cotton. Directions for making it are available on request at the GAS NEWS office, Room 1620.

The Butter Challenge

The housewife of today seems to meet one challenge and then immediately finds another confronting her. That was the way with sugar; that is now the way with butter and shortening.

The problem of butter and shortening may be a little more difficult than sugar rationing, but it will be interesting to see what changes, if any, it will make in the culinary world.

You'd be surprised at the number of ways you can get around this new obstacle—and not by having more than your fair share, either.

Every slice of bread needs a certain amount of butter or fortified margarine but sometimes the amount doesn't quite stretch. It's amazing how much further it will spread if just allowed to stand at room temperature for a while before using.

To extend it even further, beat the softened butter or substitute with your electric mixer or rotary beater until it is light and fluffy. You will have half again the volume.

To double the amount, follow the same procedure and to a pound of the spread, mix in as much as a pint of evaporated milk or cream.

By mixing a pound of margarine with a pound of butter, it is possible to get three pounds in volume of the mixture—and for only thirteen points.

All of this properly stored in the refrigerator will keep as long as the original product.

Keep in mind, however, that "stretched" butter can't be used for anything much except as a bread-spread. It isn't suitable for baking or cooking, unless as a seasoning for vegetables.

There are solutions to the baking and cooking problem, too. Angel food and sponge cakes can take the place of cakes rich in shortening. Bacon drippings and other left-over fats clarified by straining through cheese cloth are delectable in chocolate and spice cakes, muffins and biscuits, waffles and pancakes.

These same drippings are also nice for sautéing and as a foundation for cream sauces although the sauce doesn't necessarily need fat of any kind.

Minute savings are possible by using wax paper in cake pans or lightly greasing them at the most.

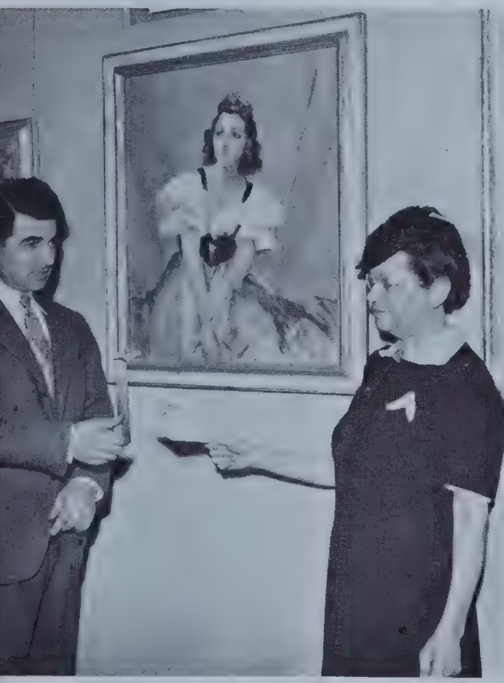
Simple cakes, cookies, and hot breads are indeed the order of the day. For such recipes or other saving ideas, phone Wabash 6000. The Home Service department is ready to help you.

156 Bowlers Participated In Mixed Doubles April 30

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, marked the bang-up wind-up of the Company's Bowling League, when 156 bowlers jammed the fifth and sixth floors of Bensinger's for the mixed doubles.

The bowlers were divided among four groups, according to their averages. In group 1-a, comprised of bowlers with a 300 to 316 average, John Orent, South Shop, and his guest emerged victorious. Top bowlers in group 1-b where the average was 285 to 299, were Josephine Rimkus, Billing, and John Jirik, Books.

Ann Cavalier, Books, and her husband topped the score in group 2, which included bowlers with an average of 265 to 280. In group 3—average 246 to 260—Margaret Malmborg and Owen Fee of the Customers department were declared the winners. And, in group 4, which consisted of bowlers with a 245 average or under, Mary Richards, Auditing, and Charles Scherer, By-Products, were high scorers.



Nicholas Veronica, Research and Testing, has again been honored in the world of fine arts. For the second consecutive year, he has won first prize in the spring art exhibit of the North Shore Art guild. Mr. Veronica, standing before his prize-winning oil study, "La Napolitana," is shown receiving the first prize award from Mrs. Jennie Purvin, Director of "Club Woman's Bureau" at Mandel Brothers, where the picture is now on exhibit.

They Left for Service During April

Jack R. Ashcraft
Lucyle Buxton
James M. Canty
Robert Del Vecchio
Victor Gabrielsen
Paul F. Hunt
Fred Kann
Eugene T. McGrail
Dominic M. Nitti
William Otto, Jr.
William J. Padgett
Fred H. Reblitz
Romolo H. Rossi
R. D. Schoenknecht
Joseph P. Thomas
LeRoy J. Wandtke
Stephen B. Walker

Observe These "Don'ts" In Foreign Correspondence

THE "FRIEND OF THE YANKS," a Chicago Tribune feature, suggests the following don'ts in writing to Servicemen over-seas:

1. Never write in code.
2. Never include in your letters information concerning training troop movements, or production of military equipment, or mention any specific employment of that equipment.
3. Don't discuss security measures taken to protect plants, local utilities, or transportation facilities.
4. Never include any information about the weather.
5. Don't include criticism about the conduct of the war. Your views may not be based upon facts.
6. When sending pictures, make certain that no information of a military nature is included in the scene.
7. Don't discuss adverse conditions which affect your farm or occupation.

These are necessary military restrictions in foreign correspondence. Observe the suggestions listed above and assure your correspondent of letters which arrive in one piece, untouched by the censor's scissors.

Guns and Ammunition Urgently Needed by Navy

"PRAISE THE LORD and pass *your* ammunition!" According to a recent release from the Navy Intelligence Office, all types of firearms and ammunition are urgently and immediately needed.

Have you a revolver, automatic pistol, rifle, shotgun, or any kind of ammunition? Your Navy can use it regardless of age, type, or condition.

Get your gun and ammunition into action! Phone Wabash 3860.

LIBRARY NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

RECENT ACQUISITIONS of the Library include books on mathematics, physics, electronics, air conditioning, and chemical engineering. Are you interested in some of the newer presentations of some old subjects?

ANALYTICAL EXPERIMENTAL PHYSICS, by H. B. Lemon and Michael Ference. This is a second-year text for professional science students and is a clear, readable story of the analytical side of the subject. . . . SIMPLIFIED INDUSTRIAL MATHEMATICS, by John H. Wolfe, et al. This text contains an abundance of simple and practical geometrical problems that are part of the day-by-day activities of industry. . . . A MATHEMATICIAN EXPLAINS, by Mayme I. Logsdon, covers the nature of mathematics and was designed to come to the aid of the many who reach adult years with a distaste for mathematics and a pronounced inferiority complex with regard to it. . . . THEORY OF GASEOUS CONDUCTION AND ELECTRONICS, by Maxfield and Benedict. Stress is placed upon the scientific principles involved in the conduction of electricity through gases, rather than upon specific apparatus and applications. . . . INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS, by Gulliksen and Vedder. This book describes most of the important types of industrial applications in which electronic devices are now being used. . . . AIR CONDITIONING ANALYSIS WITH PSYCHROMETRIC CHARTS AND TABLES, by William Goodman, seeks to provide a comprehensive unified treatment of the fundamentals of the science of, as the author puts it, changing the condition of air. . . . CHEMICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY EQUIPMENT: design, construction, operation, by Zimmerman and Lavine. This is concise treatment of chemical engineering theory that includes workable diagrams on how to design, construct, or modify laboratory equipment inexpensively with existing facilities. It tells how to operate laboratory equipment to obtain test data, make necessary calculations, and how to report the results.

ALL-GIRL PARTY VOTED SUCCESS

300 Guests Have Wonderful Time

Scenes at the Girls' Party. . . . Bingo players and, below, food consumers.

The committee, from left to right: Lucyle Buxton, Marian List, Louise Peters, Vivian Martin, Helen Kinney, Mary Killion, Marian Bryant, Kay Thomas, and Josephine Watson.

THREE HUNDRED GAS COMPANY girls really had themselves a time at the annual all-girl party staged at Tracy's Stevens Building Restaurant April 29.

Random impressions collected at the party give the following resumé of the evening's activities. FOOD! Ah—what mouth-watering memories that dinner provokes. . . . Girls—scads of them and each one having a wonderful time. . . . Delightful organ music provided by Vivian Martin, General Accounting. . . . The sensation created by Elmer Beckwith, Photographer who snapped the pictures at the left, when he sauntered "nonchalantly" into the restaurant. . . . The feminine chatter which filled the room. . . . Louise Peters and her committee, all of them wearing lovely corsages, and being the perfect hostesses. . . . The excitement of the Bingo game and the approving oh's and ah's when the winners received War Stamps for prizes.

The knock-out black leather bag, the Peggy Sage manicure set, the chintz garment bag, and the bath powder and cologne set which were also distributed as prizes. . . . The good-looking Easter outfits modelled by the guests. . . . And the warm good-fellowship which permeated the room.

From start to finish it was a wonderful party. As one guest put it, "The men will never know what they missed, will they?"

Get Your Tickets Now For Supper Dance May 21

HAVE YOU MADE PLANS to attend the May Supper Dance at the Hotel Knickerbocker, May 21? The Gas Club is planning a gala evening, with special entertainment, special music by Don Fielding and his orchestra, and a special supper which will be served at midnight.

The price of the tickets is on the special side, too—just 25 cents per person. Buy your tickets from J. H. Snyder, Window 12, Main Floor.

July 17 Is Picnic Date

IT ISN'T TOO EARLY to start making plans to attend the Gas Family picnic. The date has been set for Saturday, July 17. The place will be Riverview.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

THEN. . . . During World War I, the gas industry was not as well prepared to serve its industrial customers as it is now. There was ample gas manufacturing capacity and generally speaking distribution was adequate, but gas-fired equipment was sadly lacking both in quality and diversity. The story is told of a manufacturing plant, on war work in Ohio, that obtained permission to block off and erect a shed over a city street. Beneath the pavement was a gas main. Outlets were run into improvised forge furnaces and gas went to work.

When the war ended the shed was torn down, the forges discarded, and the street restored to its former use. Gas had done its job in an emergency, but for peacetime forging, oil remained the preferred fuel.

INTERLUDE. . . . That more and better gas burning equipment had to be designed and built was realized by the industry. Twenty years ago this June, a group of determined industrial engineers gathered in New York to take steps to rectify this situation. At this epoch making meeting, the ground work was prepared and plans made for extensive research in close cooperation with equipment manufacturers.

NOW. . . . With industry again mobilized for war, it finds that industrial gas research has projected methods and developed equipment vital to modern armament production. War has stepped up greatly the demand for gas in the industrial field. Much progress has been made since that first meeting in New York twenty years ago. Many new developments such as annealing covers, one-way fired soaking pits, bright annealing of non-ferrous metals, the radiant heating tube, convection heating, and new mechanical handling equipment including the popular walking beam mechanism, have made it possible this time for the gas industry together with the equipment manufacturers to serve industrial customers quickly and efficiently.

29 Employes Received Awards For Suggestions During April

Ideas pay dividends! Proof of that statement is found in the fact that 29 employes received suggestion awards during April in amounts varying from $5 to $100.

Seven employes, who submitted ideas a year ago, received supplemental awards last month based on the audited savings effected by their suggestions. Henry Giblin, Engineering, received a $100 dividend on an idea of his which proposed that the cost figures used in estimating amounts to be billed for certain commercial and industrial service installations be revised to reflect the current increased Company labor and material costs. Thomas Dorgan, Customer Accounting, was $100 richer because of his suggestion which eliminated a machine sorting operation and resulted in a decrease of approximately 572 machine and labor hours during the year. Supplemental awards also went to John Teister, Central District, who received $35; Robert Jordan, Customer Accounting, and S. A. Foran, South District, $10 each; Robert Lavin, Refining Plant, and James Carr, Customers Order, $5 each.

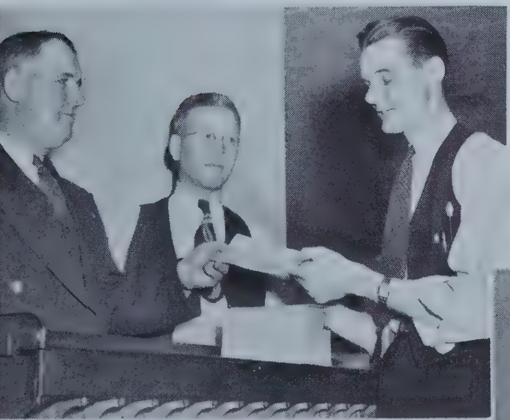
A preliminary award of $25 went to Arthur Gervais, Central District, for his suggestion which proposed the use of a flashlight battery and bulb in place of the fragile Millivolt meter in testing general controls and circuits.

William Higgins, Treasury-Receiving, received $50 for his suggestion which eliminates certain detail and paper work in listing War Bonds sold. Twenty five dollars went to Sam Raitano, 22nd St. Station, who developed a new style lighter for gas and oil fired burners. Earl Mester's idea, which proposed renting rags for use in the Duplicating Section, won $20.

Other winners during April were Robert Potthoff, Customers Order, with three $5 suggestions; Thaddeus Zamirowski, North District, and Laurence O'Connor, Service Dispatching, $10 each; William Molyneaux, Customers Order, two $5 ideas.

Also in the $5 award group were: Cyrus Cleaver, Chicago District Pipeline; Robert Hull, Photographic; Mary Jane Morris, Peoples Gas Building; Mike Sullivan and Ray Cummings, Crawford Station; John Teister, Central District; George Kazunas, Service Dispatching; Eugene Nanay, North District; Robert Lavin, Refining Plant; Joseph Volkstorf, South District; E. F. McGraw, General Accounting; Helen Costabile, Purchasing; and W. G. Kelsey, Customers.

SUBMIT A SUGGESTION *Today!*



Above, George Simpson presents a $100 supplemental award to Thomas Dorgan, as Fred Hartman looks on.

Harry Bates gives Henry Giblin his $100 supplemental award — plus a hearty handshake and a big smile.

Charities Receive $70,000 in Unclaimed Rate Refund

The American Red Cross, the Chicago Community Fund, Catholic, Jewish, and United Charity organizations, and the Illinois Childrens' Home each received a share of the $70,364.50 in unclaimed refunds through the Circuit Court of Cook County, on April 8. The checks for the amounts distributed were turned over to the recipients in the office of Judge Julius H. Miner.

The unclaimed funds were from the refund to general customers in accordance with an order from the Circuit Court dated May 24, 1940, covering amounts paid by customers (in excess of rates reduced by court action) from February 5, 1938 to March 31, 1940.

Tennis Season Begins For Company Players

The tennis season has arrived and Company addicts to that sport have started their weekly sessions.

The girls began playing May 12 in Oak Park and will meet every Wednesday for ten weeks. If you are interested in joining the group, call Dorothy Crane, girls' chairman, on 455.

Michael Nolan, men's chairman, announces that the men will begin playing Wednesday, May 26. Their games will also continue for ten weeks and will be played at the Fullerton Avenue Courts. For further details, call Mr. Nolan on local 360.

Careerists Jam Auditorium to Learn Food Facts

In response to numerous requests from white collar girls throughout the city, a special cooking school began Thursday evening, April 8, in the Home Service auditorium. Designed to help the career girl who has a double-duty job—that of office worker and home manager—the course consisted of seven weekly lessons and included demonstrations on cheese dishes, poultry, and desserts; ways of making 48 points cover the nutritional needs for the month; and other food facts of value to domestic career girls.

Demonstrations were given by representatives of Chicago's leading food industries as well as by members of the Home Service staff. Proof of the success of this school was indicated by a capacity-jammed auditorium.

Employe Garden Show Scheduled for June

William Schueler, garden chairman, announces that a Garden Show will be held sometime in June, the date to be determined by the weather.

The show will feature employe-grown edibles and a first, second, and third prize of War Stamps will be awarded for *each* type of vegetable entered.

Watch the bulletin boards for further details.

A.G.A. Passbooks Available For Company Golfers

A.G.A. passbooks are now available for Company golfers. Priced at $1.00, they provide a savings of 25 to 50 per cent on golf fees at 36 golf courses in the Chicago area.

New features this year are the unrestricted ticket system which allows members to play as much as they want at any course on the club list; car pool aid; and the addition of two new courses—White Pines and Cog-Hill.

For further information see J. A. Hoberg in the Personnel department, Room 757.

Spring Golf Tourney At St. Andrews June 19

Final plans are being made for the spring Golf Tournament, scheduled to take place June 19 at the St. Andrews Golf Club. It will be another one of those all-day outings which are so popular with Company golfers.

Dinner will be served at the clubhouse in the evening and prizes will be distributed at that time.

The committee is arranging a share-the-ride schedule for pickups to and from the course, and also suggests the Aurora and Elgin Railroad as a convenient means of transportation.

The 32 low gross winners June 19 will be eligible for participation in the Ranney Trophy Tournament. The play-off for this prized cup, which is now held by Harry Reimer, Engineering, will take place in the fall.

Polish up your niblicks and plan to join the Company golfers at St. Andrews on June 19.

Card of Thanks

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your kind expressions of sympathy.

Elmer C. Frank

CHICAGO PARK
HERE IS THE TY
PLANTED AS RECO

Pictured above is the Victory Garden now growing in Customers Hall. Typical of the plots being cultivated by Chicago school children this spring, the Company's garden display is proving a source of information for Victory Gardeners of all ages. An interested spectator watches Pat Solon as she waters the plants.

Health HOW TO KEEP IT

By DR. HAROLD STEINBERG

This is a vitamin era—we recognize this important advance in the study of nutrition. Many people, however, are confused about what they read and hear about vitamins, hence, this article on the subject.

Normal healthy individuals consuming an adequate diet may unconsciously supply themselves with the normal vitamin requirement. In others, children and adults alike, the vitamin deficient diet may produce well-known specific diseases.

How then can we best supply ourselves with an adequate vitamin intake? What precautions can we take in preparing foods so that the vitamin content is not disturbed or destroyed? Such foods as carrots and apricots are especially rich in Vitamin A; whole grain cereals, egg yolk, milk, and nuts in Vitamin B; and fish, salmon, sardines, and certain irradiated foods in Vitamin D. Citrus fruits, tomatoes, and fresh strawberries are rich in Vitamin C; fresh leaf lettuce, and whole grain cereals in Vitamin E; and the green leaves of spinach, cauliflower, cabbage, and kale in the anti-hemorrhagic Vitamin K. An average helping of a representative food in each group should provide at least the minimum required daily intake of each vitamin.

In some vegetables, such as beets and turnips, the green leaves are much higher in vitamin content than the roots. Over-cooking of vegetables and fruits may destroy a great deal of the vitamin. The practice of allowing orange juice to stand in the refrigerator overnight will destroy much of the Vitamin C content.

There are certain conditions, either vitamin deficiency states after severe illness, in people on special diets, or in anemia, where the vitamin intake should be supplemented by the use of potent multi-vitamin preparations. Your family or Company physician is the one who is best qualified to evaluate your individual needs.

DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

To ALL YOU FOLKS with Victory Garden problems—see our Charlie Piper. Appointed Chairman of the V. G. Project in his community, Charlie rolled up his sleeves and went to work. Enthusiasm ran so high, with Charlie's prompting, that it was necessary to call in a surveyor to lay out the numerous garden plots. Charlie generously donated a week of his vacation time to make allotments. Good work, Charlie! . . . Looks like spring is really here. Walter Pschioda reports an enjoyable (?) week's vacation completing the housecleaning and decorating, and Fred Swanson has discarded his muffler! . . . The welcome mat was spread for Major Dick Reiner, Private First Class Larry Smith, and Private Al Godwick, who paid surprise visits in April. All report good treatment from Uncle Sam, and their healthy appearance bears this out. . . . Bill Stewart and Gil Button, two more of our soldiers, are back with us, and needless to say, we are glad. Bill received his Honorable Discharge at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and Gil is awaiting his next assignment in the W. T. S. (War Training Service). . . . This war makes us all do strange things. Marge Sullivan tried hard to pay the Edison bill at one of the Gas Company windows the other day. . . . A lovely diamond and a lovely girl make a nice combination. Lorraine Smiley is the girl, and the presentation took place Easter Sunday. Congratulations to the lucky boy! . . . The gang recently said goodbye to Fred Brennwald, Mart Pollard, Ed Jost, John McGinley, and John McCarthy. Bon voyage and smooth sailing, fellows! Come into port once in a while and say hello.

Bill Delivery

BY LEILA LIBBY

Now that the moving is all done and we're settled happily in our new office on the seventeenth floor, we can resume "business as usual." . . . News of our fighting men comes in more frequently now. Charlie McCarthy (he's no dummy, either) is over-seas at present. Fred Stieb is in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Rudy Shobach enlivens Camp Swift in Texas. . . . At this writing our glamour girl, Dottie Curran, is enjoying (we hope) her vacation in Michigan. . . . Speaking of Servicemen, we've a suspicion that the telephone calls Rosemarie Patek has been so excited about are from one of them.

Refining Plant

BY EUGENE McGRAIL

WE WISH TO CORRECT a statement which ended this column in last month's issue of the GAS NEWS. Mr. Mezak *was* the only man who had talked back to the Morley's. He has since realized the error of his ways. . . . MILITARY NOTES: Sgt. Ray Bumbaugh, U. S. M. C., dropped us a V-mail letter last month to let us know that all is well with "Peaches." Sgt. Ray Connors, Army Air Corps, was awaiting assignment to a heavy bomber at Salt Lake City at the time we last heard from him. Pvt. Ed O'Neill is awaiting the mailman at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. Cpl. Johnny Byrnes dropped in during his last furlough to bid us all good-bye before an anticipated over-seas assignment. Frank McNamara's son, Frank Jr., is on duty in the Pacific and earning his sea legs on a destroyer. . . . Safety committees have been appointed for the coming year. . . . Andy Jennings is slowly but surely on the road to recovery and we hope to see him return to work at an early future date. . . . Ben Novak has returned from his two weeks' vacation. But even at this unorthodox time it was still welcome, eh Ben? . . . This is the last of your scribe's mutterings for the duration. And so, from the ever popular song, "When the lights come on again and the boys come home again," it's "I'll be seeing you."

South District

BY JOHN SCHULDT

THE SHOP'S BOWLING SEASON finished with Bill Maycen's Ranges taking first honors in a photo finish. Two other teams tied for second place, while three others tied for third. . . . It's a boy in the home of Joe Volkstorf, Jr. This new member of the Gas family was born April 25 and is to be named Richard. Congratulations, Joe. . . . It was a streamlined edition of Jack Leen that paid the Shop a visit recently. Jack has been stationed at Camp Claibourne, Louisiana, since his induction last November and states that Army life is O.K. . . . Lt. Charles Burke and P.F.C. Frank Newman were also in for a short visit. . . . Word was received from George Cech who is now located in California. . . . Bob Del Vecchio reported for induction May 1. . . . The Shop's 24 Victory Gardens are beginning to shape up now and it won't be long before our efforts will be showing results. . . . The Shop expresses its sympathy to the family of Martin Randich, annuitant, who passed away, and to Martin Foley in the loss of his wife.

South District employes celebrated the winning of top safety honors in their group at a Forum meeting, complete with a delicious menu of foodstuffs, and a flawless program of entertainment. The picture immediately below shows a section of the applauding crowd; circle left, one of the entertainers; lower right, J. F. Linehan presenting parting gift to annuitant P. J. Boyle.

Meter Reading

BY JAMES McAVOY

CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Lane and son, the Reverend John M. Lane, former Meter Reader. John was ordained to the Holy Priesthood at Our Lady of Angels church, Sunday, May 2. . . . We received letters recently from E. Zudycki, S. Adams, J. Killoughey, T. Fanlon, R. McAdams, W. Weckler, T. Kenney, J. O'Connor, and W. Ryan—all in Military Service. It's swell hearing from the boys. . . . Jack Cornelius was in the office on a visit, after 29 months in Service, and sure is in the pink of condition. . . . Everybody was glad to see Mr. Tossell and Mr. Eddy when they called on us a few weeks ago. They awarded checks to the Meter Readers who made no errors in 1942.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

THE SMILING LITTLE lady pictured here is Anne, 2½ year old daughter of Dr. Harry Crystal of our Medical Staff. . . . Mary Lou Swigart enjoyed visiting her former classmates recently when she spent the week-end at DePauw University. . . . Welcome to Betty Jane Carlson, formerly of the Anteroom, who now reports for work in the Employe Service Section. . . . Lt. Walter Seiler stopped in for a brief visit with his former co-workers. "Wallie" is now a bombardier in Uncle Sam's Army and received his commission the latter part of April. Good luck! . . . When last heard from, Sailor Tom McCarthy was opening his eyes at 3:30 a. m. in the "Spud Locker." Could it be the Irish potatoes really downed this Irishman? . . . Harriet Grund is feeling fine again after a tonsillectomy.

Dr. Harry Crystal's 2½ year old daughter, Anne.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

ISTALENA COX has given up her business career to devote full time to managing Lt. Cox's home. They are residing in Michigan at present. . . . Louise Peters did a really grand job in putting over the very successful and much enjoyed girls' party. . . . From recent letters we hear that Dick Fredericksen is hotel-residing at Fort Collins, Colorado. We like this picture of him very much; we'd like more pictures of these boys of ours who are in various parts of the country. How about it, boys! . . . We hear, too, that Jim O'Meara is now a Sergeant. However, we have no corroboration from Jim yet. . . . Bill Lydon is still working hard in the Anti-Tank Division out in California's sunshine.

Dick Fredericksen.

Stores—Warehouse Section

BY MARIE J. LEHMAN

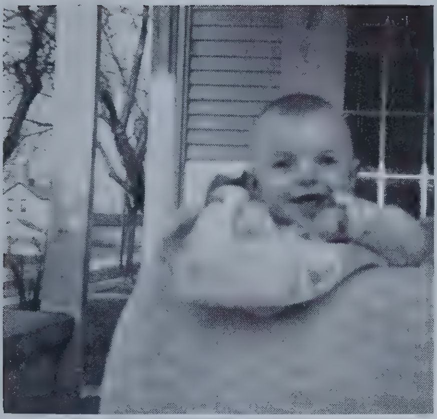
OUR CONGRATULATIONS to First Lieutenant John Gagler, who received his commission the early part of April. John is stepping right along in rank and we won't be surprised if one of these days he answers to "Captain." . . . Congratulations also to Francis Dowling and Steve Cusack, who are now Corporals. . . . Chris Tebbens is very faithful in writing and telling us how much he enjoys Army life. . . . P.F.C. John McMullan dropped in to see us, looking like a million dollars. . . . Another little girl came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Bowen. Patricia Ann arrived on April 15, weighing six pounds and thirteen ounces. Congratulations to the Bowens. . . . Charlie Madison spent one week of his vacation doing the yearly spring cleaning. . . . Ed Steinbach used his week to get acquainted with his new daughter. . . . Julia Petrauskas spent two weeks in and around the City. . . . Rudy Beuchel boasts of picking violets and going around in "shirt sleeves" in Indianapolis. . . . We are glad to see Ed Bertelsen back after a siege of illness. . . . We welcome Herman Ruppman, Joe Lezon, and Ed Swanson to the Warehouse Section. . . . We were happy to see Margaret Loomis up and around again. . . . We were very sorry to lose Margaret Mayer and Violet Stepek, who were transferred to the Mail Group of the Treasury department. Best of luck, girls, in your new work. Drop in to see us whenever you can. . . On April 22 all the girls at the Warehouse received the American National Red Cross certificate, after completing the standard course.

Receipts Section

BY ROBERTA MALLOY

THE DREAM THAT WAS WALKING in bridal white down the aisle of St. Barbara's church, Brookfield, on April 10 was Mary Rita Callahan, who is pictured here with her new husband, Sgt. Clifford Kohlmeyer, U. S. Army. As a wedding gift from the office group, Mary received a silver tray to match her silverware and she was also guest of honor at a dinner party given by Alice Bantli, Ann Byrne, Mary Clancy, Lucille Cummings, Hortense Hezinger, Helen Kinney, Ruth Kestner, Lillian Maloney, Helen McGuire, Evelyn Strohm, Ann Marie Schmidt, Vivian Williams, Maida Zahringer, and Roberta Malloy. . . . Since March 17, the N. B. C.'s gain has been our loss in the person of Mary Clancy. When she left for her new position, Mary was presented with a beautiful black patent leather handbag. Twenty-two girls from various offices in the Company showed Mary how much she would be missed by giving her a ruby, mounted in a gold setting, and a party at Barney's. . . . It is indeed a pleasure to have Maida Zahringer back, looking well again after her recent operation. . . . Before Ann Marie Schmidt deserted Chicago to take up residence at Memphis, Tennessee, the girls gave her a farewell party at Le Petit Gourmet. Ann Marie took with her a lovely Ayer vanity set as a gift from the office. . . . We extend our sincerest wishes for success in their new positions in the Receipts Section to newcomers Evelyn Clancy, Rosemary Clyne, Jean Ann Glass, Margaret Kavanaugh, Evelyn Mahoney, Jean Schnell, Betty Schultz, Lauretta Schwertfeger, and Susanna Stogis. . . . Florence Zukowski left on April 23 to be married and will soon be living in Boston, Massachusetts.

Just Married!! Mary Rita Callahan and her husband, Sgt. Clifford Kohlmeyer.



The pride and joy of the Goodman household —young Donald George.

Bookkeeping

BY PHILIP CRIMMINS

The snapshot pictured above is one taken of Donald George Goodman at the tender age of three months. Now everyone can very readily see why his parents are justly proud. . . . The deep tan on Betty De Swarte and Gerry Aschenbrenner is very becoming. They acquired it while on a vacation at Miami Beach, Florida. . . . Stasia Dragash spent a pleasant two weeks visiting her sister in Washington, D. C. . . . Pvt. Tom Lollis surprised his friends with an unexpected visit on his way back to Aberdeen, Maryland. Tommy certainly looks grand. . . . Anyone wishing to learn the fine art of raising a Victory Garden should ask the "Gentleman Farmer," meaning Joe Weber. . . . Congratulations to the Ted Keanes upon the arrival of a baby boy, born Saint Patrick's Day. He will answer to the name of George Patrick. . . . The reason for the flowers and candy on Marie Herbert's desk on April 8 was her birthday. Congratulations, Marie. . . . The department is very proud of its bowling team. The boys (A. Wodrich, F. Pfeifer, V. Dorgan, J. Jirik, and V. Beazley) not only won the league championship, but also the high individual game, high individual series, and high individual average. . . . It's nice to see Rita Gallagher back to work after an illness of five weeks. We wish a speedy recovery to Ellen Smith who has been ill for quite some time.

North District

BY TOM DORE

Somewhere else in this issue is a picture of a few of the fifty North District Victory Gardeners. We can see now, in our minds-eye, a group of the gang led by our Superintendent J. A. Williamson, going through the alleys come September yelling, "Nicea fresh veg—don't needa de point. No ceil ada price." Yes, we expect a bumper crop—everything from peas to watermelons. . . . Wednesday evening, April 28, the North District Employe Forum held their final meeting of the 1942-43 season. Chairman Frank Foldi thanked all those who helped to make this season a success, and he particularly thanked all who gave their time and effort at the final meeting, especially Mrs. F. Angelo who prepared the sauce for the spaghetti dinner; Milt Levey and James Balcom who entertained the audience with their feats of magic and piano solos, respectively; and the old stand-by, Leo Grunow, for his excellent public address facilities. . . . We want to wish luck to our newest members of the Armed Forces, Robert Geng and Richard Schoenknecht of the Navy, and Leroy Wandtke of the Army. . . . By the way, have you written to any of the boys recently?

Property and Tax Accounting

BY PHYLLIS WOLGEMUTH

On May 1, the two simple words, "I do," changed the name of Miss Florence Larsen to Mrs. Harold Linke. The bride and groom journeyed to the ever-beautiful Smoky Mountains on their honeymoon. . . . We are very glad that Eddie Ryan and Duke Granberg are recovering so rapidly from their recent operations. We hope they will soon be back to help us with the work. . . . Margaret Quan, Alice Kelly, Helen Bergren, and Phyllis Wolgemuth proved to be skillful bingo players at the girls' party held at Tracy's in the Stevens Building—they each won $2.00 in Defense Stamps. . . . Congratulations to William Mott, who was recently elected trustee of Mount Prospect.

Engineering Department

BY JULIEN JORDAN

Harry Reimer recently announced the birth of a son, which called for congratulations. On April 8 Robert Edward was born to Gertrude Reimer at the Little Company of Mary Hospital. Nothing but good reports have been heard from Harry since the event. . . . Congratulations were in order for Hank Giblin who received a $100 check for a suggestion which he submitted. . . . Ed Anderson has now donated blood five times, while Ed Malarkey and Harry Reimer have each visited the Blood Bank once. . . . Dave Lauzon and Ed Malarkey were among the first few people to ride in the Chicago Subway. These fellows sure do get around. Ed said that he wanted to have something to think about when he gets into the Army. . . . Some of the men have complained about stiff backs from working too hard in their gardens over week-ends.

Statistical

BY ELMER MICHAELS

Jack Linn has good reason to believe that the latest style in suits is not complete unless worn with a flower, preferably a dandelion. Right, Jack? . . . The best of luck to Walter Wall who left us for a new job. . . . Mr. Jacob Farber gave us all quite a surprise when he visited us last month. He had many interesting things to tell us about Washington, D. C. . . . There has been quite a bowling feud going on of late between Esther Hauptfleisch and Ed Hatch. Hope there is no worry over a few extra "strikes." . . . Ensign Mary Ellen Weiss is now stationed in the Supply Corps School at Harvard. She will be graduated May 27.

Research and Testing

BY J. W. HANKO

James Michael Fredrick is a bit too young to sing in the bath tub, but from his smile one can readily see that he likes his daily bubble bath. . . . Chalk up another prize winner for Nick Veronica. This time his painting, entitled "Neopolitan Girl," won first prize in the art exhibit of the North Shore Art Guild. . . . Little Barbara Jean Mueller caused a bit of worry for her mother and father—and the plumber. Barbara thought it great sport to clog up bathroom fixtures with her toys that can't be removed. . . . Louie Rinaldi just recently finished a course in First Aid and already has put its principles to good use. Staying cool, calm, and collected, he removed a foreign body in a woman's eye while riding home on the "L" one evening. . . . We were glad to see Private Bertram McElroy drop in to see us recently. He completed his three months of basic training and is now entering Officers Candidate School at the Edgewood Arsenal, Baltimore. . . . Messrs. Crane, Dade, Donovan, Egan, Fritts, Latham, Mueller, Purmal, Rinaldi, Casey, Van, Veronica, and Mrs. O'Keefe are very busily engaged these evenings with their Victory Gardens.

Jim Fredrick certainly looks pleased with himself, and pretty tickled with the world in general.

Messenger Service

BY LUCY COAKLEY

Lost: one voice in vicinity of the 16th floor Anteroom. If found, please return to Lucy Coakley. She finds it rather difficult to answer the telephone without it. . . . Messenger Service was very well represented at the Forum "Women on the Warpath" program. You did a grand job, Lois Nordeen. . . . Spring was really in the air at the recent Girls' Party. Everybody was decked out in Easter finery, and having a wonderful time. . . . Lois Nordeen is in the Anteroom, replacing Helen Trella who now is in Mail Division. . . . Dorothy Kajero and Lorraine Vedelhafen are the new girls in Messenger Service.

The saucy three-year-old pictured above is now Supervisor of Messenger Service—none other than Urban Stucker.

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

Those two pretty misses from the Review Section, Jean Pryor and Peggy Murnane, proved to be big hits when they visited the Archives April 22 and 23, and brought a spot of glamour to the bleak practicability of the record room. The girls, both North-siders, "didn't know the city extended so far South" and were so impressed by the hospitality of that picturesque locale that they returned to the office with sho' 'nuff Southern drawls. . . . Speaking of drawls, we've got a touch of Texas in our talk since we welcomed Virginia Keen into our midst. Virginia hails from deep in the heart of the Lone Star State and is the possessor of a sonorous, honest-to-gosh appealing Texas drawl. . . . Maintaining the lead they amassed early in the second round, Florence Lees' team won the Thursday Noon Bowling league, with a record of 21 victorious games as against only 4 defeats, and had enough left to emerge victorious over Leo Meyer's trio in the intra-league playoff match. Individual honors went to Harold Heckendorf whose 241 game and 178 average proved to be tops for the season. . . . The "Women, Too, Serve in Navy Blue" display in the Michigan Avenue window seems to be especially appealing to the girls in the Tabulating section. For the second time in as many months, the name of a girl from that hard working group was added to our Service Honor Roll when Lucyle Buxton was inducted into the WAVES.

South Sales Section

BY WALTER H. CAHILL

It's a bouncing boy at the McCarthy's. Joseph, Jr. was born March 12. Joe says he is worth his weight in gold, to say nothing of the ration books he rates. . . . Lois Horlick has completed her training and has been commissioned an Ensign in the WAVES. She is in the Communications Field at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. . . . Francis Campbell has been entertaining his son, Francis, Jr., who is back from Midway Island. . . . Jack Voorn and Clifford Otto paid us a visit. Jack is in training as aircraft technician and Cliff has qualified for flight training.

Photographic

BY MYRLE THATCHER

Al Walavich, our marine of two months, is already bringing honor to himself and to us. He received a certificate and a medal for being the outstanding marine of his platoon. . . . Fred Kann is K. P.-ing at Camp Grant. . . . Bill Beuke, from last reports, is waiting orders to go across, if he has not already sailed at this writing. . . . Shirley Wright informs us that what she wears for mixing chemicals is not an old-fashioned nightgown but a size 38 man's smock.

Archives

BY R. C. FITZSIMMONS

We had the pleasure of welcoming our first Veteran when John Flanagan reported to work on April 6. To off-set John's return, James Canty reported to the Army on April 10 and we have word that he is attached to the Air Corps in Florida. . . . Eugene Sullivan writes from Florida that he is training as mechanic and aerial gunner in the Air Corps. Good luck to you, soldiers, and may your job soon be finished and the world a better place to live in. . . . Gus Schmidt and Matt Kramer are back from a week's vacation spent putting their properties in order. . . . Peggy Murnane, Jean Pryor, Bill Sweetman, Pards Jenkins, and Ed Berggren from the Review Section, and Art Gramsey from the Auditing spent a few days with us. The ladies really brightened our masculine staff which still considers it a novelty to have members of the feminine sex invade our domain.

Service Dispatching Section

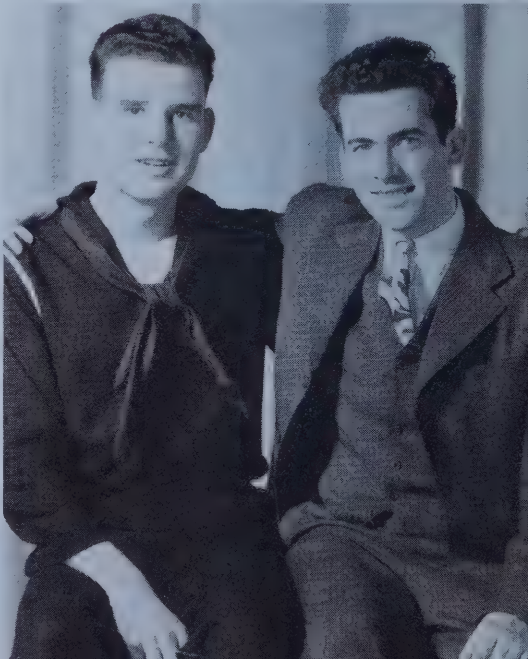
BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

Health notes: Frank Walsh is recovering from a heavy siege of illness. We hope he will be able to attend the May Dance. The next time "doc" Larry O'Connor mentions "O'Connor's Elixir," Frank will probably duck. . . . rationing: Joe Mittelman is really eating into the corners of his sandwiches. With Red Points limited, Joe accepts meat, cheese, or what have you, and likes it! . . . fashion: Dan Collins is wearing a new zoot suit every day. . . . social: Our gang is really going to be at the May Dance in force. On this occasion Roland Franzen intends to do all of his dancing with Marie. As in the past, our group will center around the scintillations of Johnny Drysdale and Madalyn.

Tabulating Section

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

Of course, you know we're all buddies whether in uniform or not. But here's a picture of Jim Sheehan and Frank McGovern who are typical. . . . Money has been floating around the place what with Tom Dorgan winning an additional $100 for a valuable suggestion he made last year. Also, the bowling money was distributed. . . . Did you see the gray suit "Dotty" Crotty was sporting before Easter? 'Twas sad parting when Jean Van Dorn left for California. . . . We're going to have smarter people now that so many have gone to the I. B. M. school.



Gas House Buddies—Frank McGovern and Jim Sheehan, who is now stationed at Great Lakes.

Mail-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

FIRST OFF, news on the romantic front. May 1 was the big date on Marge Noll's calendar—her wedding day, to be specific. We now call her Mrs. John Heidemann after the nuptials at Mt. Prospect's St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Best of luck, Marge and John! . . . If Rita Moser's hand would stop shaking long enough, you could see that gorgeous diamond on *the* finger. Donald F. Fye is the lucky guy! . . . Delores Gleason tells us Boston is just beooootiful! "Dee" spent a week there when hubby Bob's ship was in. Bob joined the Navy but it seems his wife is seeing most of the world. . . . Ruth Campanale, another of our Service wives, had a surprise visit from her Al.

Customers

BY RICHARD J. CAHILL

JOE CLARK is back with us after a sojourn in the Service of our country. Welcome back, Joe. . . . We haven't heard from Sgt. Barney Conlon lately. He is probably pretty busy with his new duties at Camp Forrest. . . . We always look forward to a letter from Ed Broderick who is really in the thick of things. I wonder if he looks forward to letters from us. How about it, boys? . . . We said good-bye to Carl Ritthamel this month. We'll miss Carl and so will the many folks he befriended while on duty on the main floor. However, Carl has earned his pension and we hope he enjoys every minute of the carefree days ahead.

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS and Mrs. Jack Cornelius were in to see us recently. After a long stretch on the Pacific, which won him several battle ribbons and involved no small measure of submarine sinking, Jack is reporting for two months special training—then duty on the Atlantic. . . . We are also bursting with pride over the exploits of our Margaret Rodwick. As of a recent date, she has sold more War Bonds than any other Gas Company girl in her duty at the Roosevelt theater. One day alone she grossed $2,600, a record in itself. . . . The several recent blood donations of department members, along with other scheduled appointments for the same, indicate we are winning our "battle of hemoglobin." Mary Richards made her second visit, and John Carlson plans to go back, especially since he knows he can get two cups of coffee in the canteen after performing the blood-letting. Some of the auditors have frankly confessed that they were surprised when blood—not ice water—trickled into the container.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

A LETTER was recently received by George Misicka from Mike Lavallee who is in Pittsburg, California, where he is enjoying his retirement. He is feeling fine and sends greetings to his many friends. . . . George Soich was retired March 31. His co-workers presented him with a fortified leather wallet, a pipe and a pound of his favorite tobacco, and wished him well on his trip to the leisure of retirement. . . . Frank Zenzola and Joseph Tarsitano retired April 30 after many years of faithful service.

One of Crawford Station's annuitants—Mike Lavallee, who is enjoying his retirement in California.

Central District

BY T. J. MOORE

THIS MONTH we take pleasure in introducing our new scribe. He is none other than John Balcom. John, as you all remember, was formerly at South Station, and it was our good fortune when he was transferred to Central District. . . . We lost another one of our good boys to Uncle Sam when Paul Hunt, Street Mechanic, left Friday, April 30, to join the Navy. The very best of everything to you, Paul. . . . A broad smile was noticed on the faces of Aneurin Walters and William Morgan and when asked the reason they both replied that Clarence Martz will be back from his vacation soon. I wonder if Clare is bringing home the bacon. . . . Wilton Brown, Junior Engineer at Central District, has been transferred to Calumet Station and promoted to Assistant Superintendent. He will be greatly missed at the shop and I must say it is our loss and Calumet's gain. . . . William Darling is waiting patiently to be called in the Navy and is keeping in condition by playing ping pong.

Retired From Service April 1, 1943

PATRICK BOYLE South District	30 years	11 months
PATRICK HEALY North District	37 years	1 month
FRANK LUCATORTO Meter Shop	27 years	6 months
EDWARD A. RICE Domestic Sales	43 years	10 months
GEORGE SOIC Crawford Station	15 years	2 months
PATRICK T. WALSH Customers	43 years	5 months

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FREDERICK A. BRENNWALD Credit & Collection	42 years	10 months
AGNES M. DOOLEY Gas Building	11 years	7 months
EDWARD A. JOST Credit & Collection	40 years	0 months
JOHN E. MCCARTHY Credit & Collection	32 years	0 months
MARTIN W. POLLARD Credit & Collection	41 years	8 months
CARL H. RITTHAMEL Customers	30 years	10 months
KATHERINE E. STEWART Customers Order	25 years	4 months
JOSEPH TARSITANO Crawford Station	15 years	3 months
FRANK ZENZOLA Crawford Station	13 years	7 months

Service Anniversaries

40 YEARS

ADRIAN, JOSEPH, South Station.
GEBERT, FREDERICK, Domestic Sales.
SWANSON, R. L., Treasury—Receiving.

35 YEARS

PIWOWARSKI, GEORGE, Central District.
SMITH, BASIL V., Domestic Sales.
BARRETT, A. K., Property Accounting.

30 YEARS

WRENN, WILLIAM P., South District.
WALTERS, ANEURIN, Central District.

25 YEARS

GEBAUER, F. A., Credit & Collection.
MILLER, LILLIAN, Customer Accounting.
JENSEN, CHRISTINE, Customer Accounting.
DEMBSKI, JOSEPH, Warehouse.
NEVEU, WALTER T., Customers Order.
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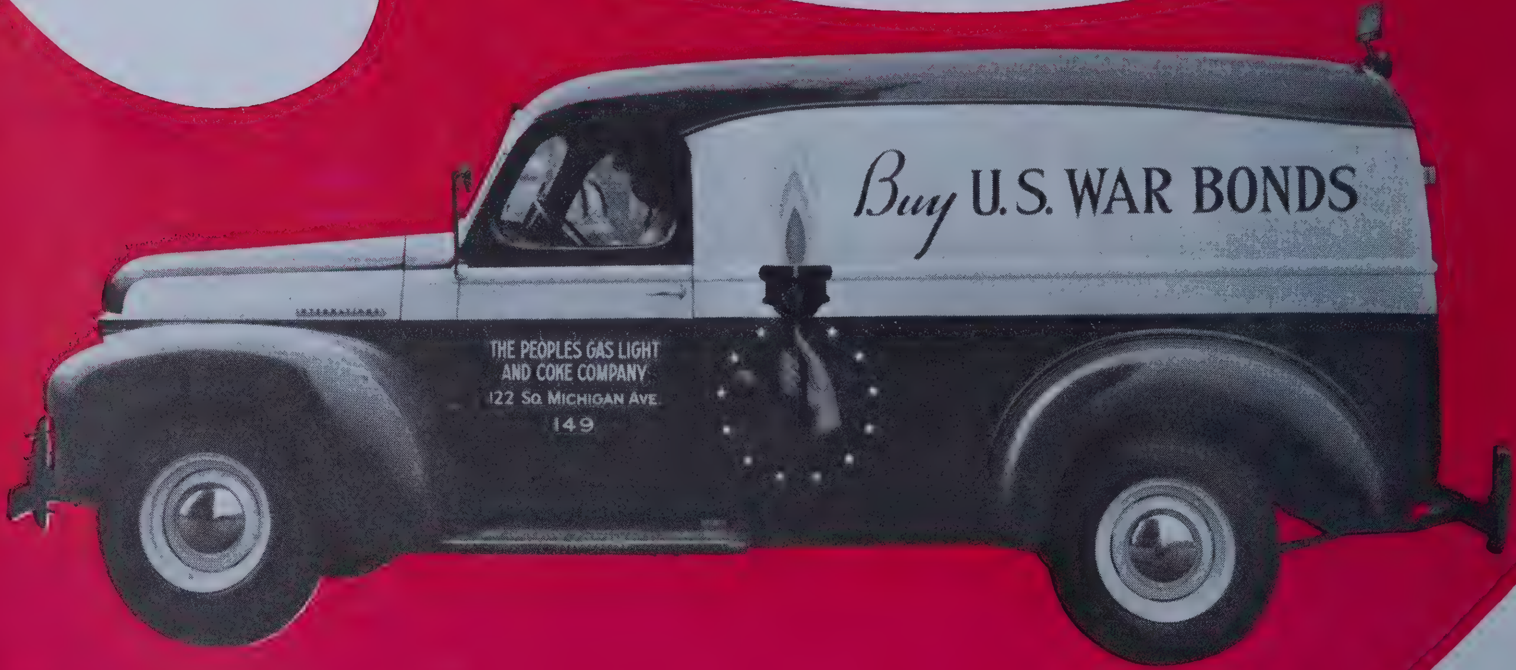
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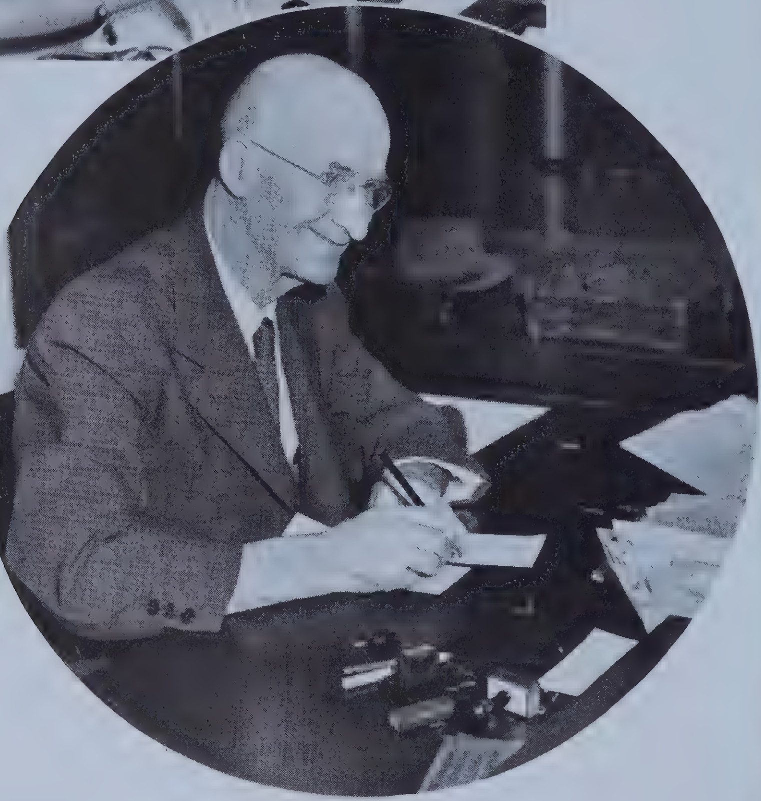
Marking the department's mail are: Barbara Mortensen, Helen Glowacki, and Irene Link, with Lois Kanker in the background.



In the circle, Patrick James "Packy" Burke is reviewing a record of receipts in the department.

Above, Betty Coleman discusses a matter with Rita Clancy relating to a check being received from a customer for bill payment.

Below, in the Sub Stations Section of the department, are, left to right, Dolores Gleason, Helen Mosak, George Blackman, and John Lussem. Back row, are Ruth Campanale, Betty Carlson, and Betty Spehn. Checks and bill stubs from the numerous sub station agents are received and accounted for in this office.

Leo Fallon, lower right, is checking a piece of mail, one of many passing over his desk.

LAST summer many Gas Company employes spent their vacations in Chicagoland. Most of them reported that they had a very enjoyable time at very little expense. In a sense, it awakened their latent civic interest, and proved to them that the hue and cry of local chambers of commerce, and the chest-thumping of other civic groups was not entirely without foundation. That Chicago is a fine summer resort, many restless urbanites are soon due to discover. Within the 200 square miles of this metropolis, they will find wonders which have been known and appreciated more by out-of-towners than by the city's own residents. To make it simple for vacation-bound gas men and women to select popular spots nearby, the NEWS will present in its next issue an outline of various places which have attracted country-wide attention. "Conserve transportation, and see Chicago first," should be our motto for vacationing in 1943.

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THAT PARCEL POST PACKAGE which you have been itching to send to Joe Blow, serving overseas, can now be sent, the War Department has announced. It is no longer necessary for a soldier to obtain the approval of his commanding officer in order to receive a package from home. The Army postal service has announced the modification of its overseas mail restrictions, permitting the mailing of packages providing a request is received from the soldier himself, and that an envelope bearing the APO cancellation mark is presented at the time of mailing. Current restrictions in weight and size are: up to five pounds, and not exceeding 15 inches in length and 36 inches in girth. Not more than one package may be mailed to the same person in any one week.

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ONE grave danger to the country's War Savings program is the erroneous impression, prevalent in some quarters, that the 20 per cent withholding tax is or may be construed as an additional tax. For the information of those who may be in doubt, it is merely a pre-payment of our income tax, which begins on July 1. It is a means by which we are paying our income tax on a current basis, instead of two and a half months after the year has passed.

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The Cover

In celebration of Independence Day, and in observance of a wartime custom adopted by almost all U. S. publications in their issues which are current as of July 4, we present a striking picture of the American Flag by H. Armstrong Roberts.

The setting of the picture is Washington, D.C., and in the background, framed in a sky of fleecy clouds, can be seen the nation's capitol.

Coming Events

GAS FAMILY PICNIC
Saturday, July 17
Riverview Park

TENNIS SESSIONS
Wednesday evenings
Girls—Oak Park
Men—Fullerton Avenue

Little Piggies Go To Market —And To War

Out on a sun-baked isle in the Pacific, a small unit of the U.S. Marines takes time out for chow. "Oh boy!" one of them says, "this is one of the best hams I've ever eaten." The crew of a submarine, silently burrowing its way through the depths, enjoys a Sunday supper of summer sausage, salami, and other cold cuts.

Every day choice cuts of fresh and cured meat are being shipped to our boys all over the world. Chicago's huge packing plants are busily filling government orders. Certain departments are working on a 24-hour schedule meeting Lend-Lease requirements. It is of particular interest to Gas Company employes to know that their Company is helping the meat packers in the Chicago area fill these wartime orders by supplying vitally needed gas fuel.

Perhaps the one thing which a visitor at a meat packing plant such as Swift & Company remembers most vividly is the assortment of odors which assail his nostrils as he walks through the various sections of the plant.

The visitor is also impressed with the highly organized efficiency of the plant; the speed with which the dressing of cattle, hogs, and sheep is performed; the assembly line system which is used in preparing the animals for market. "Thirty minutes from pen to cooler" is Swift's proud boast. Those words don't mean much until you have toured the packing plant and then you see that boast substantiated.

Let's follow the trip which a little piggie makes going to market. You see him first in the pig pen. He's not so little—in fact, he's one of the biggest and finest porkers you've ever seen. As he stands there you wonder if he has any premonition of what's about to happen to him. His subsequent dispatch, while not pleasant to watch, is generally considered the most humane way of preparing animals for market.

Special Bath De-hairs Pigs

The porkers are then thrown into a bath from which they emerge minus hair. They are suspended head down on a moving chain which passes from workman to workman—each one doing a particular step in the process of dressing the animals. When the dressing operations have been completed and the carcasses carefully washed, they travel along the rail into coolers where the air is kept just above the freezing point. This entire process—complicated and detailed as it is—takes just thirty minutes.

The dressed animals remain in the cooler for 48 hours and are then placed on conveyors and travel through the cutting room. Here again, each man specializes in preparing just one section of the animal. For example, in the pork cutting department, one man cuts the ham, another the spareribs, another the shoulder butt, another trims off the bacon, etc.

The hams and bacon are cured and then smoked, for this process results in an extra delicious flavor. There are two methods of curing meats—the sweet pickle cure and the dry-salt cure. Both must be performed with great care and accuracy and the process requires from 60 to 90 days. When the curing has been completed, the meats are placed in the smoke house.

The smoke house is a five story building, in the basement of which are gas burners. These filter heat upwards through hardwood sawdust, causing a light smoke which gives the meats a rich brown color and a distinctive flavor. The fragrance of the smoke house, especially during these days of meat rationing, is a rare treat. Swift employes refer to the smoke house as Fort Knox, because the thousands of pounds of meat hanging there are practically worth their weight in gold. Since the war began, certain smoked hams are designated as overseas hams—others as war hams—and all of these are sent to Army and Navy posts throughout the world. Bacon, too, is going overseas—most of it on Lend-Lease shipments.

However, the little piggie we first saw in the pig pen goes to market not only as delectable hams, bacon, pork chops, roasts, etc.—but in numerous other ways. Edible pork fats are made into lard. Other fats are used in making soap. Bones are sold to manufacturers of buttons, knife handles, etc. Chemical elements found in blood and ground bone are used in making animal feeds and fertilizers. Trimmings from the various cuts of pork and beef are used in the manufacture of sausage, which is fast becoming a very important part of the meat packing industry.

The amount of sausage produced each year is tremendous. It has been estimated that the output for a typical year would fill a freight train 250 miles long. If put up in links sixteen to the

Pictured below, one of the gas burners in the basement of the smoke house. These filter heat upwards through hardwood sawdust, causing a light smoke which gives the hams, bacon, and sausages a special flavor.

pound, it would reach from the earth to the moon and back and leave enough to wrap the earth at the equator eight times!!

The meat trimmings which are used in sausage manufacturing are ground or chopped by machinery, seasoned and spiced, and then stuffed by compressed air into specially prepared casings. Certain sausages are smoked. Sausage specialties such as meat loaf are slowly baked in huge gas fired ovens. And almost all varieties are finished by being hung in a drying room where they remain under careful temperature control for 25 to 90 days.

Much of Swift's sausage output is now going to Army camps throughout the United States, for Sunday suppers of cold cuts are very popular with the boys in uniform.

Gas Used in Dehydrating Meat

One of the most interesting processes at the packing plant—and one in which gas is used—is the dehydration of meat. This highly technical process took months of research and testing to perfect. The resulting product is palatable, a high nutritive value is retained, and it does not require refrigeration. The government recognizes the value of meat dehydration not only because of those characteristics, but because it saves so much shipping space. During World War I, ten ships were needed to carry the same amount of beef that a single ship of the same average size can carry today. Then, the meat was carried as sides and required bulky refrigeration facilities. Today, however, the meat can be dehydrated and packed into one-pound tins which can be boxed and stored in the hold of a merchant vessel without refrigeration.

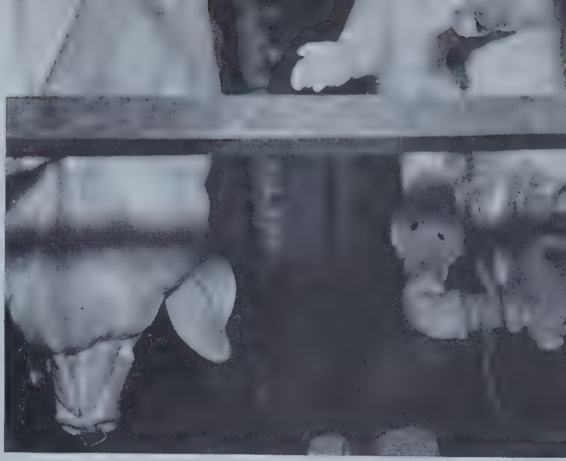
Also during World War I, pork went to Great Britain mainly as cured Wiltshire sides, under refrigeration. The chart at the right indicates the amount of shipping space saved by dehydrated pork. Ten shiploads of Wiltshire sides is equaled in World War II by 3.2 shiploads of dehydrated pork and lard.

There are six steps in the dehydration of meat: the selection of beef and pork sides and the boning operation which yields the fresh meat to be processed; cutting the meat into 2-inch cubes; pre-cooking the cubed meat; grinding; drying; packaging. In pork dehydration a seventh step is necessary to recombine the meat with the juices which are separated from it in cooking.

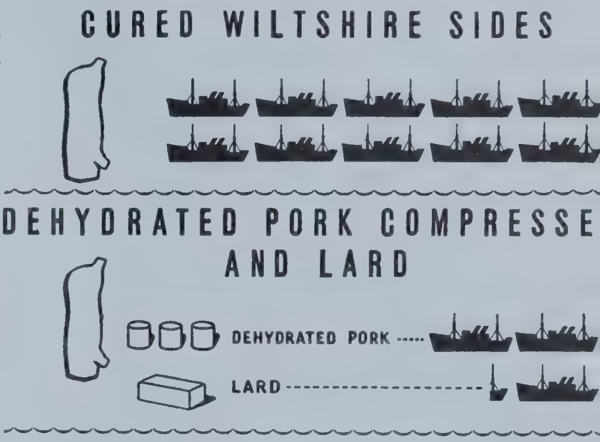
The pieces of fresh carcass meat which are to be used are held under refrigeration for a time and are then sent to a rotary cutter which reduces them to 2-inch pieces and drops them by chute to the pre-cooking kettle. The meat is pre-cooked for a minimum of thirty minutes by gas-produced steam and then drops through a discharge valve to a receiving tank directly below. In the bottom of the receiver is a helical conveyor which moves the pre-cooked meat up to the receiving hopper of the hasher or grinder. From here it goes to the dehydrating machine. This machine consists of a solid outer cylindrical shell and an inner one made up of overlapping louver plates extending the full length of the tube. The spaces between louvers are passages for heated air which is directed through the meat. By this means, absolute uniformity and thoroughness of drying are assured as the tube revolves. At this stage in the dehydration of pork, the meat juice is fed at a constant drip to the meat in the drier and thoroughly mixed with it.

The meat sifting out of the dehydrator is taken in sanitary metal trucks to packaging machinery. Standard can filling and hermetically sealing machinery is used to complete the processing.

Meat packing organizations such as Swift & Company are a big factor in the statement that American soldiers and sailors are the best-fed fighting men in the world. Chicago's meat packing plants are on a wartime footing now—supplying our Servicemen with huge quantities of the best meat available. Gas Company employes can be proud of the part which gas fuel plays in this important job.



Pictured above, the pig-singeing process at Swift & Company which utilizes huge quantities of gas. The pigs, suspended head down on a moving chain, are completely enveloped by gas flames which flare out from strategically placed burners. This process, which removes all the hair and scorches the pigs to a golden brown color, is known as the English cure.



The chart above indicates the amount of shipping space saved by dehydrated pork.

Below, the packaging machinery which fills and hermetically seals cans of dehydrated pork. The girl in the lower right hand corner packs the filled tins in boxes which can be stored in the hold of a merchant vessel without refrigeration.

Company Mourns Passing of W. G. Rudd

Vice President In Charge of Operation Dies on May 26 at Age of 55

NEWS of the death of Vice President W. G. Rudd, who passed away suddenly during a business conference in Chicago on May 26, came as a great shock to the entire Peoples Gas organization. He was 55 years old at the time of his death, and had been associated with the Company for 38 years, 16 of which he served as Vice President.

Mr. Rudd's whole business career was spent with the Peoples Gas organization, and the story of his rise from laborer to Vice President, through numerous positions in the Operating Division, proves that character, long hours of study, personal initiative, and efficiency, are still the prerequisites to business success.

He was born in Philadelphia on April 21, 1888. At an early age his family moved to Chicago, where he attended the public grammar and high schools. He left high school, and on September 20, 1905, when 17 years of age, started his career as a gas man, taking a job as a laborer at Division Street Station.

"Billy" Rudd, as he was called by the gas house terriers of that day, showed more than average mechanical ability, and a year after he joined the organization was promoted to gas maker and valveman. Three years afterward he became assistant clerk in the station office.

Studied During Spare Hours

During the four year period from 1910 to 1914, while holding the titles, inspector at Pitney Court Station, handyman, clerk, and special clerk, he was devoting his spare hours to the study of correspondence and evening school courses on engineering. The completion of this school work qualified him for work in engineering, specializing in the manufacture and distribution of gas.

After his appointment as a cadet engineer, on January 1, 1914, his rise to positions of greater responsibility was rapid. He became a Foreman at South Station in September of that same year, and was made Assistant Superintendent of the Station on January 1, 1915. After three years he was transferred to the Construction department as Assistant Superintendent, and in the following year was promoted to Superintendent of Pitney Court Station, a property which was dismantled several years ago.

William G. Rudd

He became Assistant Operating Engineer in March, 1920, and Chief Operating Engineer in May, 1924. On June 15, 1927, following the death of Vice President John H. Eustace, Mr. Rudd was elected by the Board of Directors to succeed him as Vice President in Charge of Operation, the position he held for 16 years.

Elected Club President

In 1923, members of the Peoples Gas Club cast a heavy vote for W. G. Rudd, selecting him to head their social and recreational organization. As the Club's president, he demonstrated rare ability as an organizer and a promoter of numerous events of a social and business nature.

The following official notification sent to the organization at the time of Mr. Rudd's death, by Mr. George A. Ranney, Chairman, best expresses the high regard in which Mr. Rudd was held by the entire organization, and the loss the Company has suffered.

"It is with the deepest personal sorrow that I advise the officers and employes of the sudden death of Mr. William G. Rudd, Vice President, that occurred Wednesday evening, May 26. His death is a personal loss to every one with whom he came in contact.

"He was a man of unusual ability, of high ideals, honest and straightforward in his contact with others, possessing a deep personal regard and friendship for all those in his organization, and wise in his counsels in the official management of the business.

"I had the highest regard for him as a man and the greatest respect for him as one of the Company's executive officers. His death was a tremendous shock to me and a great personal loss as a friend and business associate.

"Mr. Rudd was born on April 21, 1888. He spent his entire business life with this Company, entering its service as a laborer at the Division Street Station on September 20, 1905. His record with the Company has been one of painstaking and conscientious effort in behalf of his employer and he rose steadily from position to position until he was elected Vice President in charge of the Company's operations on June 15, 1927. He has long been recognized as one of the outstanding operators in the American gas industry. His advancement with the Company should stand out in our records as an incentive and encouragement for the younger men in our organization."

Mr. Rudd is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ernestine Rudd, his mother and three brothers. The funeral services were held on May 29 in Grace Episcopal Church in Oak Park, and interment took place in Forest Home Cemetery.

Averaged Bills Help Conserve Manpower

Number of Bill Averagings Doubled Since Last Year

"CALL-BACKS" are to the gas meter reader what 10-dollar bills are to the street car conductor, what zero weather is to the city fireman, and what floods are to the farmer. They delay the work at hand and make the task more difficult. One means of conserving meter reader manpower and avoiding these return trips to locations where the customer is "out" for the day, is the "averaged bill." The meter reader simply marks in his meter book the reason why the meter could not be read, enters the facts on a form, and the Bookkeeping Section does the rest.

Due to wartime conditions, almost twice as many gas bills were averaged during the first four months of 1943 as were given similar treatment during the same period of 1942. Despite the large increase in averagings, however, fewer customers inquired about those bills than at any previous time since the practice was established on a small scale several years ago.

Company records showing customer inquiries on averaged bills indicate that the customer accounts clerks, in the Bookkeeping Section, are doing a very satisfactory job. Only four-tenths of one per cent of the customers whose bills were averaged, inquired by letter, phone, or personal call to the Customers department about the amounts charged them for the gas they have consumed.

The Company's 150 meter readers who cover the 210 square miles of the city each month to record the amount of gas Mr. and Mrs. Chicago burn, do their best to obtain all readings in their route books. However, conditions beyond their control often prevent them from obtaining readings. Before the war, the meter reader called later in the day on those which he could not read earlier, and another man completed any unfinished route books. That system is now just another war casualty.

When the customer accounts clerks refer to the account listed as not read and observe in the meter book that the space for a month's reading is blank, they compare the figure showing the last reading against the reading of the same period last year. Then they enter what they estimate to be the average gas consumption. The Company relies entirely upon the judgment of these employes to do the averaging job. Any high or low estimates are corrected when a reading is obtained.

A customer's bill can be averaged for three consecutive months if meter reading conditions make it imperative. After three averagings, a special meter reader calls on the customer, in the evening or on Saturday if necessary, to obtain the required figures on the following bill. A symbol "Av." is placed before the present reading date on the bill, and the customer can read on the reverse side of the bill to learn what action was taken as a result of the averaging, and why.

During the first four months of 1942, almost six per cent of all bills rendered, or 213,801, were averaged by the Bookkeeping Section. The same period of 1943 shows almost a 50 per cent increase. Almost 13 per cent, or 462,072 bills, were given "averaging treatment" during the months of January, February, March, and April of this year.

Bookkeeping Section, where gas bills are averaged.

Golfers Plan Big Day At St. Andrews, June 19

COMPANY GOLFERS are preparing for a big day June 19, when they meet for an all-day outing at St. Andrews Golf Club. The committee has made extensive plans for this Spring Golf Tournament, and it now appears that the only thing left to chance is the weather.

There will be prizes for practically everybody, good fun, and good food. After the day's golfing, there will be dinner and dancing at the club house.

The committee has arranged a share-the-ride program and also suggests the Aurora and Elgin Railroad as a convenient means of getting to the golf course.

Don't miss this big golfing event. There's going to be a wonderful time had at St. Andrews on June 19.

May Rush Does Fadeout In Slack Moving Season

THE so-called May rush, long a phenomenon peculiar to the Gas Company and especially to the Customers Service division, slowed down to about one-half its normal speed this year.

Statistics collected during this time reveal that there were 48.6 per cent fewer turn-ons than in 1942, and 48.4 per cent fewer turn-offs.

Apparently many Chicagoans curtailed their wanderlust this spring because of the war.

'Twas A Gay May Dance At The Knickerbocker

Ann Rehling, Telephone Exchange, impromptu song bird.

Above, the pretty and peppy group from Messenger Service.

Below, the crowded dance floor as everyone "swings out."

Bright Ideas Bring Awards To Seventeen Employes During May

"The Suggestion Box in every War Production plant is as important to the all-out war production program as the ammunition box is to the men on the firing line." That statement was found in a recent release from the War Production Board. Ideas which will save time, man-hours, or material are vitally needed. Study your job; could it be done more economically, more efficiently? Does it fit in with the routine of the department so that no lost time results? Your Company needs your suggestions!

During May, seventeen employes were awarded for ideas which they submitted. Top winner was Thaddeus Zamirowski, who received $25.00 for his suggestion which proposed supplying the district shops and certain other locations with flashlight battery testers which he developed.

Timothy Dowling, Credit and Collection, received $15.00 for an idea which will eliminate many telephone calls and, consequently, save much time in his department. It has been the practice of the Credit and Collection department to call the Books for extended readings on those statements showing averaged bills where there is a possibility that service may be locked off. Mr. Dowling suggests that those calls be deferred until a final notice has been mailed and a street call made.

The following employes received $10.00 awards. Raymond Wadman, Customers, suggested a method of reducing special calls at customers' homes. If certain meter readings are to be verified, Mr. Wadman proposes that a "Customer Reading of Meter" card be mailed to the customer, with a request that he read the meter and return the card. If the customer's reading is the same as the Company's, a special call at the customer's home is thus eliminated.

Bruno Burba, Credit and Collection, proposed a different method of sorting delinquent coupons. John Simons, Crawford, suggested the installation of a by-pass chute ahead of the M3 loading boom. Another Crawford employe, J. F. Henigsman, received $10.00 for his idea which will eliminate wear on the motor driven gears which raise and lower dampers.

Other suggestion winners during May were:

Louis Wolf *South District*	$5.00
John Green *Central District*	5.00
Michael Gallagher *Central District*	5.00
George Schinkel *Crawford Station*	5.00
Paul La Vernway *General Accounting*	5.00
Carl Haase *Customers Order*	5.00
W. A. Molyneaux *Customers Order*	5.00
George Kazunas *Service Dispatching*	5.00
E. F. Malarkey *Engineering*	5.00
R. C. Potthoff *Customers Order*	5.00
E. T. Chouinard *Credit and Collection*	3.00

They Left For Service During May

Aden, Frederick—Bill Delivery.
Boyle, George—Bill Delivery.
Brown, Walter—Central District
Coyne, Michael—Domestic Sales.
Darling, William—Central Dist.
Detten, Walter—Meter Reading.
Griffiths, Edward—Statistical.
Hogan, Richard—Central Dist.
Lyons, Edward—South Station.
Mast, George—North District
Michaels, Elmer—Statistical.
Odachowski, S. P.—Crawford.
Pajak, W. J.—Meter Reading.
Reilly, Gerald—Accounting.
Rudolph, H. S.—Central District
Schmitt, R. P.—Chgo. By-Products.
Sommers, Eugene—Customers.
Stastny, L. T.—Customer Acctg.
Wandtke, LeRoy—North District
Williams, John—Central District

Soldiers Buy Bonds, Too

Sixty per cent of all soldiers in the Service are War Bond Buyers, according to the War Department, and the total sales to these men now exceeds $21,000,000 per month. These bond-buying soldiers not only BELIEVE in what they are fighting for—they are investing their money in it.

Letters FROM OUR MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES

George Cheshire S2/C
c/o Fleet Postmaster
New York City

Life aboard ship is quite a bit different from anything I have so far encountered in the Navy. While at first I was very cautious of the ladders (steps to you landlubbers) and various other contraptions, I now am used to them and get around as though I were merely going for a stroll. I've only fallen down one ladder so far—which isn't bad. As for living quarters—while this isn't the Queen Mary, it could be worse. Put four fellows like Hank Giblin or Bob Moriarty in a phone booth and there you are.

P.F.C. James Moran
P.O. Box 470
Charlestown, Oregon

I've seen a lot of beautiful country along the coast—and oceans of waves. I like it here—it's home, sweet home. It seems that in the Army wherever you're located is the best.

By all accounts, everyone is working harder than ever. That's the spirit. Best of good luck in the days to come.

P.F.C. Frank Newman, formerly of South District, is now stationed at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Cpl. Ralph L. Haggerty
New York City

It's been nearly twenty-five months since I left the Gas Company, although it doesn't seem that long.

I received your swell birthday card with all the signatures. Most of the names are still very familiar and in my mind I can associate each of you as I glance through the list. The Gas News comes in fairly regularly and is a good means of maintaining control.

We have plenty to keep us busy here and are not altogether lacking in excitement. Most of us figure this war won't last much longer than 1975. So hang on.

P.F.C. James Moran—one of North District's Servicemen.

A/C Robert L. Sanders
Class 43-J Br. C-6
Garner Field
Uvalde, Texas

Well, I've been away from the Gas House for about four and a half months now, and have been to the best Pre-flight and Primary schools in the U. S. Garner Field here at Uvalde is the best place in the world for Primary school. It's known as the Country Club of the Air Corps.

We get out of camp at 6:30 p.m. Saturday and come in at 12:30. On Sundays we're free from 8:00 a.m. until 7:45. Once in awhile we go into town to the show during the week.

I soloed the day before yesterday and now have 13:32 dual time and 1:30 solo time. I really enjoy this flying business.

Hope some of the old gang read this and drop a line some day.

Sam Bronstein, who left the Mail-Receiving department in March, is doing his bit for Uncle Sam at Mountain Home, Idaho.

5 ft. 9 inches and 185 lbs. of M.P. It's Jim Size, former Meter Reader, now located near Clinton, Iowa.

GAS COMPANY VICTORY DRIVE

Increased Payroll Deduction for Bonds Object of Drive Sponsored by Gas Post

TUESDAY, June 1, the Gas Company Bond Wagon started off on a huge Victory Drive, sponsored by Peoples Gas Post No. 336, The American Legion. Its goal—an increased payroll deduction for Bonds on the part of every man and woman in the Company.

The drive was organized by a committee of Legionnaires, including Stanley Modzikowski, L. D. Keeslar, and Thomas Bogumill, who worked in close conjunction with representatives of the U. S. Treasury Department.

During the first week of the drive, Bond rallies were held every day. Eleven o'clock meetings were staged in the Home Service Auditorium June 1, 2, and 3. An 8:00 a.m. meeting June 3 was attended by members of the Credit and Collection, Meter Reading, Industrial, and Bill Delivery departments, and by the Office of the Building staff. June 4, at 3:00 p.m., another meeting was held for those main office employes who hadn't been able to attend any of the morning meetings.

The schedule worked out for the outlying districts was as follows: June 1, 3:30 p.m., South Shop; June 2, 3:30 p.m., North Shop; June 3, 3:30 p.m., Central District; June 4, 11:00 a.m., Warehouse; and June 7, 3:30 p.m., Crawford Station.

Department heads cooperated with the Peoples Gas Post by seeing that every employe attended one of these rallies. The meetings began with the posting of the colors and the singing of the national anthem. Commander Modzikowski gave a brief speech telling employes that "you have done your bit, now you must do your best" in buying War Bonds. A thought-provoking movie, "Figure It Out For Yourself," was shown. Tom Sortino, Chief Bosun's Mate, and George Paajanen, Motor Machinist Mate, two members of the U. S. Coast Guard now recovering from wounds received during action at Casablanca, were interviewed and gave the audience some idea of what the boys at the front are experiencing. George Huth, W. G. Harsin, and Lester Lear of the U. S. Treasury Department also spoke.

Following the rallies, personal contact of employes was made by the Minute Men, 253 Gas Company men and women. They each interviewed an average of fifteen employes, talked over their Bond buying plan, and if possible signed them up for an increased payroll deduction.

The Victory Drive, with its stimulating series of Bond Rallies, its personal contact of employes by the Minute Men, ended June 15. Was it a success? Did the Gas Company Bond Wagon reach its goal? As we go to press, advance reports indicate that the Bond Wagon got off to a good start with enthusiastic support from employes and management. Watch the next issue of the NEWS for complete details.

A scene at one of the Bond Rallies held in the Home Service Auditorium during the first week in June. On the speakers' platform are representatives of the U.S. Treasury, Commander Modzikowski, one of the war heroes, Mr. Eddy, and Mr. Bjork.

Public Utilities Contribute $485,000 in Red Cross Drive

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WAR FUND drive is just about finished. The Public Utilities Division, which consisted of the public utility companies, the Telephone Company, and the local transportation companies, together with their employes, in Cook County, DuPage County, and the southern half of Lake County, contributed a total of approximately $485,000. Of this amount, the employes of the Peoples Gas Company contributed $17,211, and the Company contributed $25,000.

Lunchroom and Phone Booth Added to Room 1039

SOMETHING NEW has been added to the Company's Recreation Room on the tenth floor. To accommodate the increased number of employes who bring their lunch, additional lunchroom facilities have been provided. Instead of tables and chairs, the new lunchroom has counters around three sides of the room and stationary stools.

In the main lounge a public telephone booth has been installed for the convenience of employes.

Class For First Aid Teachers

FIFTEEN employes, qualifying as Red Cross instructors, attended an intensive 3-day session in advanced First Aid during the second week in June. First Aid classes will begin again in the fall; employes are urged to register now.

THE Women's Slant

BY MARTHA HOLMES, AND MARIE C. MEYERS

Graduation Celebration

If you have young men and women of high school age in your family circle, there is undoubtedly an atmosphere of suppressed excitement about the homestead—especially if they're members of the senior graduating group.

Looming in the immediate future is the class party whether it be a banquet or a prom—and then the sober and impressive march of Baccalaureate and Commencement.

A milestone of this sort in one's life calls for something rather special, so why not make your home the center of a celebration in honor of the occasion.

Such a party would consist of all the different elements—fun, favors, festive decorations, and food. The simplicity or elaborateness of the affair will depend on your pocketbook, ration book, and other personal factors, but in any case it's bound to be a success.

First, call a special conference, particularly including those most concerned. If your son or daughter has a part in drawing up the plans it will not only be a great help to you, but will be more fun for him or her.

The decorations will undoubtedly be done in the class colors; the invitations, favors, and decorative notes will follow the graduation theme, whether it's the "cap and gown" idea or the "crystal ball disclosing the future."

Food will play a big part in the evening's entertainment, for did you ever see young people who didn't like to eat? With rationing, the problem of "what to serve" won't be quite as easy but even so, it is still possible to have a tempting menu using few, perhaps no, ration points.

If it's a buffet snack, you could have an assortment of sandwiches with cream cheese mixtures, egg salad or chicken salad, and other fillings such as fresh dates and peanuts.

Molded fresh vegetable or fruit salads would be colorful. For dessert you can make many interesting dishes of rhubarb or strawberries or the two combined. Individual rhubarb and strawberry tarts are especially enticing.

These suggestions could be worked into a dinner theme with perhaps a creamed seafood plate as entree, plus the inevitable but always acceptable relish plate.

For further menu suggestions and for party-dish recipes, call Wabash 6000. The Home Service department is ready to serve you.

Program Series

Members of your family with the available time, or you on some of your vacation days at home, will find the series of programs at the Field Museum on the subject, "Backgrounds of War," very absorbing. This series will be presented throughout July and August. The programs will be given in the Lecture Hall each Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. In some cases motion pictures will be the principal item; others will consist of lectures illustrated with still or motion pictures, or both. Admission is free, both to these programs, and to the Museum itself on Thursdays.

Standouts

The beautiful giant size ruffled petunia blossoms which look as lovely and fragile as chiffon. . . . The new shade of material called bamboo beige. It is particularly sleek and sophisticated looking with sun tanned skins. . . . The chartreuse linen shirtwaist dress worn with a powder blue ribbed cardigan sweater. Crystal buttons on the sweater give a frosty fresh touch.

Viewed With Admiration

The enchanting luncheon table with Delft blue cloth and two bowls of limes and green leaves for a centerpiece. . . . The deliciously cool and immaculately white linen curtains which were looped back with crystal ball fringe.

Music Under the Stars

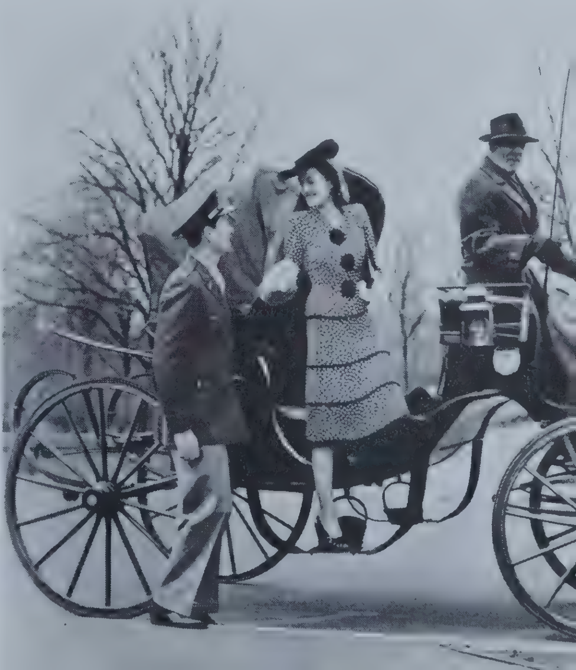
Tuesday, July 6, is opening night for the ninth annual concert season at Grant Park. These open-air concerts, sponsored by the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Federation of Musicians, have gained world-wide fame. Concerts will be given every evening, except Monday and Thursday, from July 6 to August 28. Famous orchestras are scheduled to appear, among them the Women's Symphony Orchestra, and the Chicago Philharmonic.

For Feminine Ears

Something for the girls are the new crocheted earrings in the shape of small blossoms. Each petal is edged with crystal, pearl, or soft sheen beads. The color choice is excellent. The effect, attractive and unusual.

Travel-Perfect Dress

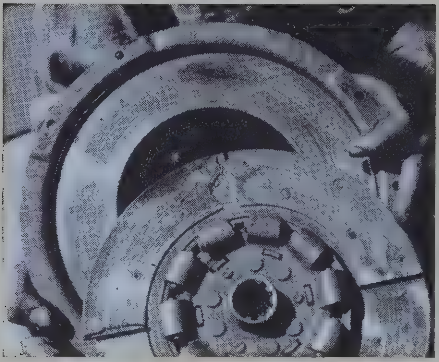
Here is a really stunning dress for that furlough honeymoon and all summer long. If you are adept with the needle, you can copy it from the illustration shown. It is made of a serviceable black and white rayon crepe, with rosettes and skirt bands of rayon grosgrain ribbon. It should stand the test for its stunning appearance as well as its durability.



Wasting Valuable Materials
In Seven Easy Lessons

Showing how valuable auto parts and tires react to rough handling, and how alertness on the part of the driver can prolong the life and service of our automotive equipment for the duration of the war.

Lesson No. 1.



"Riding the Clutch"

Friction, the chief cause of mechanical wear, finds a fertile field in the automobile, especially when the driver "rides the clutch." This habit of driving with foot on the clutch pedal results in a slipping action which generates tremendous heat, and burns out the clutch plate. Starting in second gear also causes excessive friction and wear.

Lesson No. 2.

"Clashing the Gears"

Nervous drivers, with foot on the gas, and eye on the stop light, often slam the gear shift handle into first gear in an effort to get a quick start. First gears are smaller than second and third, and the teeth are more easily ripped off. Slight pressure on the shift handle until the gears engage, without racing the motor, will prevent gear damage.

Lesson No. 3.

"Slamming the Brakes"

Slamming on the brakes causes increased stress and strain on all parts of the car. It results in unnecessary tire wear, and prematurely ages the brake lining and the drums. A cautious attitude on the part of the driver when he approaches stop signs will enable him to slow down and stop more gently.

WHETHER they drive trucks for the Gas Company, or their own pleasure cars, employes can help to make valuable vehicles and their priceless parts give longer, better service by acquainting themselves with the results of mishandling. On these pages are seven easy lessons which reveal how these motor parts and other equipment respond to rough treatment.

While presenting these seven lessons, it is assumed that very few people deliberately shorten the life of motor parts, or intentionally damage or destroy the Company's or their own irreplaceable equipment. By far, the greater percentage of damage is caused by habitual carelessness—a hangover from our pre-war days of plenty.

If our present equipment is to remain in service to perform the transport functions which are necessary to our war-vital business, every man who sits at the wheel of a Company car or truck must be conscious of the fact that he controls a vastly important piece of equipment.

Automotive equipment in the United States has been deteriorating at an

Lesson No. 4.

“Hitting Glass”

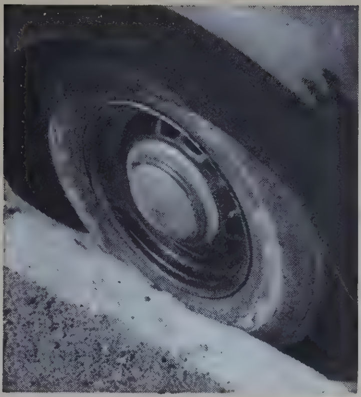
The good war-time driver watches for holes in the street to keep from breaking springs, and turns aside for sharp objects made of metal or glass. Broken glass is, by far, the most important item to avoid. Backing out of alleys is a bad practice, and reversing at any time should be a cautious procedure.

alarming rate, and none are being manufactured for civilian use. Replacement parts are becoming scarce. Now, while he has a truck to drive, the employe-driver must adjust his thinking and action to our present day emergency. Certainly, a broken spring, a stripped gear, or a ruptured tire is a feather in the hat of no one except Hitler and his weak-kneed cohort, Hirohito!

The lessons on these pages can serve as a constant reminder of WHAT NOT TO DO! Employe drivers are urged to refrain from any action which will deprive our business of the transportation which it requires. They are entrusted with vehicles which are valuable, not only because of their original cost, but because they are essential to the conduct of the business, and indirectly, to the winning of the war.

By making our equipment last, and keeping repairs down to a minimum we are able to maintain the kind of gas service which our grim and determined “home front” deserves, and we can continue to provide Chicago’s teeming war industries with the fuel which helps to make the weapons of Victory.

Lesson No. 5.



“Scraping the Curb”

Tires which have the side rubber scraped off by contact with the curbing prove that the driver has either used bad judgment, or was careless. "Curb-scraping" drivers can cure the tendency by trying a little practice. Tires, such as the one shown at left, must be junked even though the tread on the bottom is good for many more miles of travel.

Lesson No. 6.

“Racing the Motor”

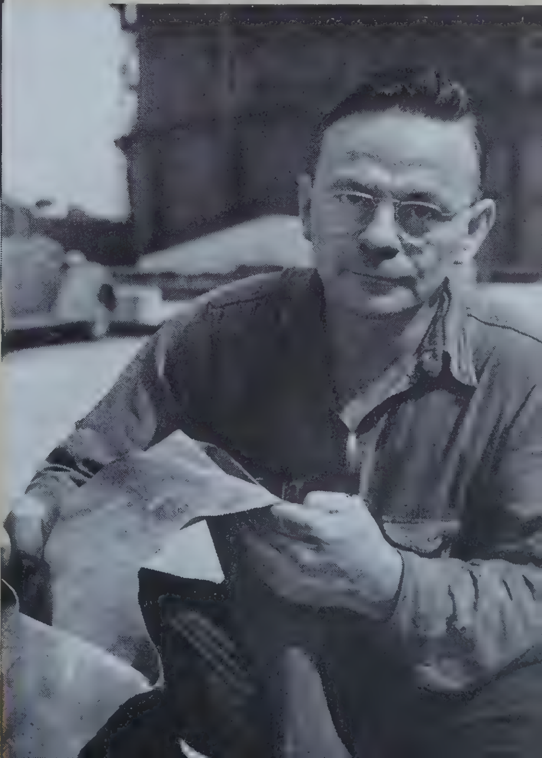
Racing the motor before it is warmed up is a practice which contributes greatly to engine wear. "Gunning" the motor at any time should be avoided. Racing the motor causes raw gasoline to accumulate in the cylinder and wash away the lubrication, exposing moving parts to friction. This action causes deposits of carbon to form, and shortens the life of pistons and rings.

Lesson No. 7.

“Flat Tire Riding”

When a driver rides on a flat tire he does much to ruin the inner casing, weakening the cords which hold the tire together. Once weakened, no one can predict how long the tire will give service.

The innertube, being held by Edward Hickstein, of Central District Garage shows mute evidence of maltreatment. The long rip in the tube, which puts it permanently out of service, is the direct result of flat tire driving. When a tire goes flat, pull immediately to the curb. Drive no farther than is absolutely necessary.



Here's an Idea for Sending Letters to the Boys Far Away

We have all heard how eagerly the men and women in our Armed Forces receive news from the States. Assigned to duty in all parts of the world, the champions of rights and liberty make only two requests of the folks back home. That we supply them (1) with the armaments of war and (2) with letters, news items, reports and so forth of relatives, friends, and co-workers back in the U.S.A.

To help meet the request for letters from home, several concerns in the Chicago area have developed the following interesting plan for contacting employes in the Armed Forces: Desks or writing stands are placed in several well selected locations (providing pen and paper) with a poster directly above them saying, "We are writing to *John Doe* this week, would you care to add a few lines?" Thus, employes passing by are invited to jot down a sentence or two about Company activities, home conditions, etc. At the end of the designated period, the letters are gathered together and forwarded at Company expense. Usually the number of employes to whom letters are being written is rotated, the frequency depending on the number in service. Results have been exceptionally good and the absent employes have expressed keen appreciation for the letters they have received.

Return Empties to Insure New Supply of Beverages In Recreation Room

An appeal was recently issued to main office workers by the Office Facilities department, asking them to please return empty milk and soft drink bottles to Room 1039 after they have finished with them.

According to the Office Facilities department, which has charge of the building recreation room, an acute shortage of bottles has hampered the delivery of a fresh supply. Those who return the "empties" promptly will help to insure a fresh supply of thirst-quenchers for everyone during the hot summer months to come.

Low Accident Record Indicates Increased Interest in Safety

Interest in the Company Safety Contest is reflected in the fact that a better Safety record was established during May than for any other month in Company history. Competition is keen and a number of perfect scores are going on record.

The eight-ball was "awarded" to Peoples Gas Building, North Station, North District, Chicago By-Products Corporation, and the Meter Reading section. However, these departments are rapidly improving their Safety records and do not intend to be behind the eight-ball very long. North District is making an excellent come back and at present has the best record among the shops for consecutive days without a lost-time injury.

The first quarter of the Supervisors Safety Contest has just ended and inspections are underway to rate these men in the Operating Division who are promoting Safety. Their rating depends on the Safety records of the men they supervise!

WE ARE BEHIND
THE
8
BALL
IN SAFETY

At a recent session of the Company's Safety Committee, plans were completed for the "Behind the Eight Ball" Safety Contest. The inset shows the eight-ball trophy, which will be presented each month to the department head having the highest accident rate. In the picture, l. to r., are S. W. Stetler, D. W. Chapman, P. E. Eddy, J. J. Novy, E. S. Beaumont, Dr. H. F. Steinberg, W. J. Buckley, and E. F. Pohlmann.

Take Care of Your Pen—It's Irreplaceable

A recent memo from the Stationery department announces that fountain pens have joined the ranks of the "unobtainables" and must be carefully conserved for the duration. It is practically impossible to replace pens—or even parts of pens. So take more than usual care of the one you're using now.

Here are a few "pen"-itentiary offenses:

1. Writing on something other than paper, such as rulers, hands, clothes. Fantastic? We've seen it happen.
2. Allowing the pen point to become caked with ink.
3. Forgetting to screw the top on pen.
4. Dropping pen on floor. We know that this is usually an accident—but it can be avoided.
5. Neglecting to wash out the pen now and then with lukewarm water.

Of course, there's no "pen"-alty for being careless with your pen. It's just that you might be a little "pen"-itent when you begin writing everything with pencil.

Leo La Gesse, Jr. Carries On The Fight His Dad Began In 1917

Leo La Gesse

Leo La Gesse, Jr.

There was a La Gesse in World War I; now there's a La Gesse in World War II. The young man in the rough, olive drab uniform of the previous war is Leo La Gesse, Central District, an active member of the Gas Post. He was twenty-three years old when he enlisted in Uncle Sam's Army. For a year he saw service in France as a part of the Medical Replacement Unit.

Today his twenty-one-year-old son is finishing a war which didn't end with the signing of the Armistice twenty-four years ago. He is P.F.C. Leo La Gesse of the U. S. Marine Corps, who had his basic training at San Diego, California and is now stationed at El Centro.

They look alike—the La Gesses. They think alike, too. Typical of all young Americans, Leo, Jr. is convinced that the principles his dad fought for in World War I are more than ever worth fighting for in World War II.

Military Service Policy Includes Company Women

Executive order No. 5, setting forth the Company's policy with respect to Military Service, has been amended to include enlistment in the U.S. Merchant Marine, the WAACS, the WAVES, and the SPARS.

Employes entering these services will receive military pay, a leave of absence, and all other benefits received by employes in the Armed Forces.

Garden Show Postponed Because Of Old Man Weather

Now that old man weather has thrown our Victory gardeners for a loss in their efforts to produce early spring produce for the Gas Club Garden Show, plans for the exhibition have been postponed until fall. Details of the show will be announced within the next few months.

Customers Receive Booklet On Refrigerator Maintenance

A new booklet recently made its appearance in the Gas Company. Dedicated to users of gas refrigerators, the booklet is designed to show customers how to get the most in refrigeration service.

The main theme of the booklet is conservation, and many hints are given on refrigerator maintenance. There is information on defrosting, temperature regulation, food storage, care and cleaning of the refrigerator, and on conserving rubber door gaskets. Also, a chart of typical refrigerator problems and their solution is included. It is suggested that customers keep this booklet as a guide to making simple adjustments on their Servels.

Already 13,000 copies have been mailed and over 37,000 more are on their way. Enthusiastic comments from Servel users who have received the booklet prove its value.

Copies of this interesting booklet may be obtained at any of the Branch offices and on the main floor of the downtown office. All employes of the Company are urged to secure a copy and become familiar with its contents so that they may aid their friends and neighbors in the interest of conservation and good service.

First Aider Martin Walsh Helps Injured Soldier

The first aid training which he received in Gas Company classes, enabled Martin Walsh, General Accounting, to help a soldier who was struck by a public conveyance at State Street and Van Buren, on June 2.

The soldier, unconscious, with face bleeding from a gash, was lying unattended when Walsh came along. Noticing that the policeman and the spectators were unable to help, Walsh applied digital pressure and stopped the flow of blood until a doctor arrived.

1943 Poppy Girls: front row, Dorothy Hendrickson, Rita Conlon, Dorothy Green, Mildred Jones, Patricia Marcotte; second row, Mary Hynon, Gladys Perkins, Peggy Murnane, Grace Cardwell, Jean Devereaux, Mercedes Gordon; third row, Violet Stepek, Peggy Malmborg, Eleanor Hakanen, Ann Stevenson, Ethel Seiler; fourth row, Margaret Carlin, Phyllis Cryder, Annette Hill, Anita De Biasio, Alice Reed; fifth row, Anne Cavalier, Anne Byrne, Helen Nevins, Rita Patterson.

GAS around the World

BY WILLIAM HELME

Now It Can Be Told—An interesting story has just come to light on the part that city gas played in discovering the anesthetic properties of ethylene. It seems that shortly after the last war, one of the professors at the University of Chicago wondered why so many people were using gas as the medium for leaving this world in a hurry. He decided to experiment.

Mice and Men—In his laboratory, he separated the various constituents of city gas and tested each for its lethal properties on white mice. When using ethylene, he noted some peculiar reactions. Mice, which were apparently dead after being subjected to ethylene, were later found running around full of life. He next tried the same experiment on monkeys. The monkeys played "dead" all right but they were soon up and around, acting only as live monkeys can. Being a true scientist, he then decided to use himself as a guinea pig. He had one of his assistants give him a dose of this extraordinary gas and he quickly passed into a deep sleep. Upon awakening, he found that he had experienced no bad results. Thus ethylene, a small component part of the same gas that makes our coffee, heats our home, and helps fabricate our biggest battleships, was introduced into the world to alleviate our pain.

Blitz Invasion—When the legions of Hitler invade a country, it is always to the public utility plants that the paratroopers, sappers, and panzers first hasten. The radio stations, electric power plants, and gas holders are the first targets of hostile actual occupation. When the United Nations took over North Africa and as they proceed to mop up Pantelleria, Lampedusa, and the other Italian outposts in the Mediterranean, the same strategy is being used by our side. The time draws near for an invasion of the European continent. When that moment finally comes, you may be sure that complete control of the public utility plants will be one of the prime objectives.

Picnic To Be Day Of Fun For Everyone At Riverview Park

Members of the gas family can check July 17, on their calendar right now! It's the date of the Annual Peoples Gas Club basket picnic at Riverview Park—an event that no one can afford to miss.

The arrangements committee has announced that there will be fun for everyone. There will be a pie-eating contest with the usual smeared faces competing to make the dessert disappear, a tug of war contest between the muscled men of the shop districts, novelty races for all ages, baseball championship matches, and even a horseshoe pitching contest. A team of clowns will entertain the youngsters. For those who like to trip the light fantastic, the committee has reserved the private dance pavilion for dancing to Joe Mc Nerney and his band.

As has been the custom at Gas Club picnics, free refreshments will be served at intervals during the day. This will include: coffee, milk, and lemonade, for the picnic tables, and Dixie ice cream cups as well as peanuts to tickle the palate of the little tots.

Admission to the park is free, and Club members can buy half rate tickets for the scenic rides at 35c per book. The books will be available in the picnic grove, or they can be purchased in advance from Club Treasurer James Snyder on the main floor of the Gas Building.

The Medical department will be on hand with a well-equipped first aid station, and an annuitant booth will provide a central meeting place for the annual get together of "Old Timers." A special invitation is extended to the annuitants to come and join in the reunion. Plans have been made for a picture of the 1943 group during the afternoon.

Riverview Park is located on Western Avenue between Roscoe and Addison Streets, and the Picnic grove can be reached by walking through the scenic park in a north and westerly direction, or through the automobile parking area, at the north of the main entrance. Those who drive will find ample parking facilities at the cost of 25c per car, or if the "A" card is running low, street cars run to the entrance from all parts of the city.

Employes' Tomato Plants Arrive

These Victory gardeners look mighty pleased over their tomato plants which arrived one day last month. Left to right they are: William Schueler, William Soika, Clarence Patterson, E. M. Lindsey, Bruno Balsis, Julien Jordan, Richard Piech, and Remick McDowell.

HINTS ON HEAT SICKNESS

Medical Section Tells How to Avoid it.

Avoid heat sickness by:

Keeping your skin clean.

Bathing at least once a day. If a bath tub or shower is not available, a simple sponge bath from a basin will do.

Wearing clothing as light as is compatible with working conditions.

Consuming about half of the food that is normally eaten during the winter season. Avoid foods containing large amounts of fat and sugar.

Reducing the intake of alcoholic beverages to a minimum.

Drinking plenty of cool (*not iced*) water, lemonade, or orangeade. Limit the intake of carbonated beverages.

If an individual develops that common condition where his thirst is not satisfied by ordinary water, salt is needed. A half teaspoonful of ordinary table salt to a glass of water is usually sufficient.

Where men are at work this need for salt can be best met by salt tablets. For men working at heavy laboring jobs, and when external temperatures are above 90 degrees, it is advisable that they take 6 to 8 tablets daily—preferably each tablet with one glass of water. For people working indoors, on the average hot summer day, the salt intake may be increased by adding small amounts to the normal daily intake of food. On an excessively hot day, this may be augmented by taking one to two salt tablets daily, preferably each tablet with one glass of water.

What men should do if they are at work and suffer from "heat sickness":

1. Get into the open air or the coolest available place as soon as possible. Sit down in the shade of a building or tree.
2. Loosen clothing so that the wind can blow through.
3. Sit by an open window or open door. Use an electric fan if one is available.
4. *Do not delay in calling the doctor,* as any heat case may be serious.

All heat cases should be sent to the Medical department for observation. Regardless of how a man says he feels, he should never be allowed to return to his job without the permission of a member of the Company Medical Staff.

Pictured above is the Bill Delivery department, now located in sunny new quarters on the seventeenth floor. A sound-proofed room, not pictured, accommodates the billing machines, and the entire set-up is a pleasant change for the department personnel.

Health HOW TO KEEP IT

By DR. HAROLD STEINBERG

We Americans, in spite of rationing, are overwhelmed by the wealth and variety of our food supply. We eat what we like, rather than what we need. We still haven't learned how to select the simple foods that make up an adequate diet—and what is more, to enjoy them.

Man derives his energy from foods. Work cannot be performed without an expenditure of energy. Consequently, a man doing heavy physical labor will require more food than a clerical worker, a stenographer, or a school teacher. In food, the energy derived is a measure of its heat-producing ability and is expressed as calories.

The major classes of foods that we need are six in number: proteins, carbohydrates, fats, minerals, vitamins, and water. Our present dietary customs tend to produce an excess of intake of certain of these major groups of food at the expense of the others. Consequently, certain tissues of the body may be poorly nourished, and there may be lowered resistance to infection. I do not claim that good nutrition is the cure-all for all human ills, but I do maintain that malnutrition is widespread.

Of these six groups of foods, carbohydrates and fats are in the main, but not exclusively, concerned with supplying energy to the body. The rest are necessary in the repair and nutrition of body tissues. Most of our ordinary foodstuffs contain more than one single type of food substance. Meat consists principally of protein, some fat, and water. Milk contains protein, fat, carbohydrate, vitamins, and minerals in solution.

The diet eaten need not be too elaborate. Let it contain a citrus fruit or juice, milk, some cereal or enriched bread, a portion of meat or fish, a daily serving of green vegetable, an egg, and it will be adequate in every respect. Our own doctors will be happy to help you select the foods that you need—these can be the foods you like as well.

LIBRARY
NOTES

BY WILLIAM J. SOIKA

Olcott's Land Values Blue Book of Chicago for 1943 has been added to the Reference Shelf. The 1943 Blue Book contains some new features, such as a complete set of new maps covering the loop territory bounded by Kinzie St., Roosevelt Rd., Halsted Street, and Lake Michigan. These maps are made on a larger scale and contain the 1943 land units, the 1939–1942 quadrennial land units, the height and type of buildings on each holding, and the size of the holdings. Tabulated on the footnotes of all the Chicago maps is the statistical data for each quarter section of land taken from the records assembled and edited by the WPA in conjunction with the Chicago Plan Commission. A special sheet is provided for the translation of the footnotes. . . . Post war plans and programs have been given wide publicity lately, so perhaps you would like to look over the National Resources Development Report for 1943 and the Security, Work and Relief Policies Report, issued by the NATIONAL RESOURCES PLANNING BOARD. The report is in three volumes and is quite extensive, but we have an excellent digest or summary of this Post War Plan and Program; Wartime Planning for War and Post War; and Security, Work and Relief Policies.

PROCEEDINGS of the American Gas Association for 1942, containing all reports, papers and discussions presented at the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Association in Chicago, October 5 and 6, is now available. Although somewhat condensed in size (441 pages) as compared with previous years, this volume is particularly valuable as it covers many gas industry developments since the war began. In addition to industry-wide reports presented at the General Sessions, it carries sections devoted to Natural Gas, Accounting, Residential, Industrial and Commercial, and Technical subjects. It is well illustrated and indexed, and you will find the material interesting and informative.

Creating Comfort Through Co-operation in Room 1039

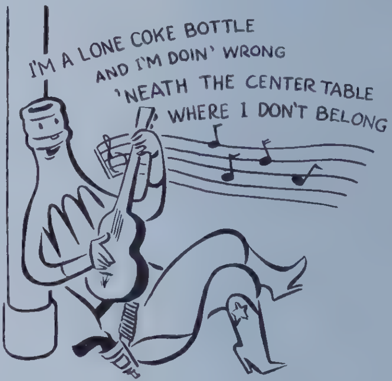
No doubt most of us have retained vivid memories of our school daze, where the three R's—readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic were regarded as long, dull intervals between play periods. Now as "grownups" engaged in the serious business of earning a living and helping to win a war, we have two different R's on our shopping list—this time it's a bit of REST AND RELAXATION for a few moments on our "time out" periods during the morning and afternoon.

In seeking these two R's, many main office workers have found the Recreation Room, 1039 of the Gas Building, to serve as an oasis for frayed nerves, a bridge covering the gap of morning or afternoon tension, or a place in which to lift the state of mental fogginess which might have settled on the night before. That is—the place has been restful except for a few distractions which, like the fly that comes with the soup, just isn't on the menu.

These distractions to the individuals making them, appear to be of little consequence, but when multiplied by the number of people passing to and from the room during an eight-hour day, they constitute something approaching bedlam, especially to employes of tenant firms in the building, who are expected to produce as much as employes elsewhere.

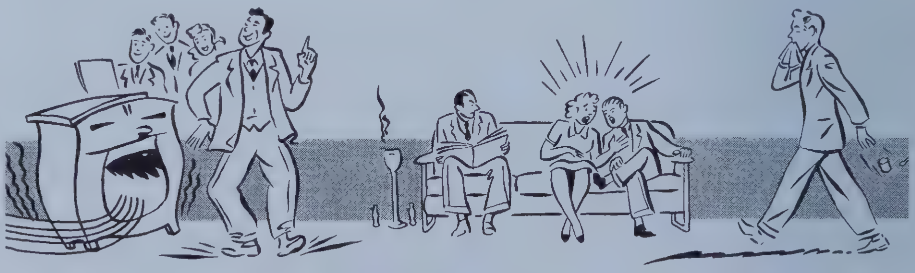
Recreation Tastes Differ

Probably the closest thing to alphabet soup in the Company is the variety of recreational tastes manifested by employes between the ages 18 and 65. And the soup really simmers in 1039. The "jitterbug" type can rejuvenate himself mentally amidst the booming crescendo of Orrin Goodman and his steaming syncopators, while the middle-aged marauders of the chessboard can best maneuver their kings and pawns under a blanket of silence.



The truth in the old adage that "no house is big enough for two families" presumably depends upon the individuals in the family, and how sincerely they endeavor to be considerate of others. The same reasoning could be applied to room 1039. For example, during the noon period the tables for employes who carry lunch are filled to capacity. Others wouldn't find it necessary to wait for a seat if those occupying the tables would retire to the main lounge room after eating.

"General Housekeeping" is a great guy! Major Neat and Captain Clean are also popular figures in our army of civilization. We all enjoy the comfort of orderly surroundings, and each can contribute a small, but important part toward making the place "livable." Such items as returning "cola" bottles to their racks, and tossing used ice cream cups into the receptacles all help to make the general appearance of the place appealing to everyone desiring to take advantage of its facilities.



DEPARTMENTAL SECTION

North District

BY THOMAS DORE

Theodore Burbach

We take great pride in presenting a picture of Private Theodore Burbach, formerly Senior Clerk in our office. Tod, as he is best known to all, although slightly over 38, is keeping up with the young fellows in North Africa. His many friends will be glad to hear that he is in good health and misses the old gang. . . . We hear that our former associate Robert Imber, now a Lieutenant in the Army, was married, Saturday, May 29, 1943, in Chicago. We salute you Bob on your commission and wish you and Mrs. Imber the best. . . . Hope you all saw the pictures of sailors Fred Murphy, Earl Danezer, and Mrs. Danezer published in the Daily Times recently. Fred mentioned that the first thing he would do when he got back was to get his girl friend Fern, and go to Gus's for a big steak. Our guess is that Murphy has not changed much in the Navy. The only thing he and we miss are those "white shirts" he used to wear. Earl was also interested in that steak department, but he was going to go home first. We cannot send a roving reporter out like the Daily Times, but if any of you fellows in the Armed Forces wish to tell us what you would do on coming home, we will gladly spread the news. . . . We are thinking of crowning Wallace Joslyn the bond king of North District, for at this writing Wallace has purchased over a thousand dollars worth of War Bonds during the past year. . . . That sweet melodious voice you hear on our switchboard is "Miss Blue" Marpool, the one who gets your number. . . . The employes of North District express their deepest sympathy to Mrs. W. G. Rudd, upon the death of Mr. Rudd. We and all who ever had contact with Vice President Rudd, know we have lost a real and honest friend.

Customers Order

BY CARL W. HAASE

We extend our deepest sympathy to Paul Ludwig whose father passed away recently. . . . Sergeant Elmer Laughlin, U. S. Army Air Corps, Orlando, Florida, paid us a visit a few weeks ago. Elmer looks healthy and has that Florida tan. . . . Latest report is that Frank Izzo of the U. S. Army is in Australia. Frank's wife has relatives there who live near his camp and whom he visits. . . . Genevieve Cunningham, U. S. Navy, and Corporal Raymond Benson, U. S. Army, were visitors recently. . . . Ray Johnson is vacationing at his home and putting up a fence. Keeping chickens in or out, Ray? . . . John (Dinty) Moore is farming on his vacation. Good luck to the corn, John. . . . Florence Hopkins is vacationing in Arkansas. . . . Congratulations are in order for James Enright. He was presented with a bundle of joy February 21, 1943, when James Michael, Jr. arrived, weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz. . . . On those rainy days we had, Frank Brodie did the cakewalk in the passway of his home because of holes in the rain pipe. Oh—that priority. . . . Thanks to the officers of the Gas Club for an enjoyable evening at the May dance.

Crawford Station

BY A. G. CANAR

Uncle Sam has claimed more sons of employes. George Kerstein, Jr. left recently to become a Naval Air Cadet. Edward Hawkins, son of Earl Hawkins, completed his medical course, passed his state examination, and then reported to Camp Grant. George Gorney, son of Edmund Gorney, is now at New York in the Army Air Corps. . . . John Skorcz, Jr. was recently home on a furlough from Camp Davis, North Carolina, after an absence of ten months. . . . Edward J. Sullivan, son of James J. Sullivan, was also home on furlough from the Garden City Air Base, Garden City, Kansas. . . . Speaking of bowlers, our Jack Royle rolled a 290 game recently in a four game series with a total of 910 pins for a neat average of 227½. Nice going to roll a string of eleven consecutive strikes. . . . Vacations have started already—John Touhy and Mike Gilleran are on theirs now. . . . Illness has Jack Morrisey and Ed Kindelin in its clutches.

Credit and Collection

BY WALTER OHMACHT

Vacation ramblings. . . . Doris Lines and Ingrid Nelson spent a week in the west, with a stop-over in Colorado Springs. Imagine their surprise and chagrin when it snowed! Just goes to prove that the travel ads are not infallible. . . . Ferris Hurst and Ralph Standish put their vacation to good use by starting a Victory garden on the Hurst property at Lake Como, Wisconsin. Now they are waiting to reap the harvest. . . . Jerry Wasson took a week in May—THEN THE RAINS CAME! Jerry says he put pontoons on the family jalopy, and rented a pair of oars. . . . Jim Sullivan reports a pleasant week at Cedar Lake, Indiana, the site of his summer home. . . . Mysterious telegrams and special delivery letters for Annette Hill have us all wondering. So far she has kept her own counsel, darn it! . . . We understand a beginner's class in Cribbage is held each noon on the Balcony, and Dame Rumor has it that Frank Snyder is learning the hard way. Cheer up, Frank, you'll win a game yet. . . . Ray (Skinnay) Innes is offering the use of his suburban estate to those of his fellow-workers who are interested in barbecues. The only stipulations are that the said "guests" bring the meat and stuff AND invite the host (?) to partake of the feast. Sorry, Skinnay, for the duration we expect to eat plenty of greens and avoid the blues (ouch!!). . . .Charlie Stuart, looking as dapper as ever, and well on the road to recovery after a long illness, came in to see the gang recently. His smiling face was welcome indeed.

Photographic

BY MYRLE THATCHER

Al Walavich, our Marine, was in on a ten-day furlough and has a wonderful coat of that California tan. He arrived with the good news that he is being transferred to a Marine photographers school somewhere in Virginia. Are we ever proud of him. . . . Latest report from Pvt. Fred Kann, who writes us from Little Rock, Arkansas, is that his platoon is knee-deep in the flood regions, doing rescue work. . . . There being such a heavy demand for pictures of our 73rd Street Gas Holder, our photographers—Vic, Elmer, and Bob have really been stepping.

The holder accident provided plenty of work for the three men pictured below. They are Vic Knitter and Elmer Beckwith, Photographic, and Edward Waldy, Claim.

Customers

BY RICHARD CAHILL

According to the judges, the best little girl and the best little boy in all the world are pictured here. Barney Cooney judged the girls, and after a long deliberation (three seconds) picked Gayle F. Cooney. Dennis Bell took even less time to decide upon Robert L. Bell. Of course, their decisions were not biased in any way. . . . Anyone who mentions tomato plants to Bill Schueler is liable to get a bundle of them right on top of the head. Bill is getting a little weary of trying to keep track of 4 or 5 thousand plants, which, for some unknown reason, keep ending up where they don't belong. . . . Congratulations to Club President M. J. Lambke. The May 21 dance was a huge success. . . . Our sincerest sympathies to Libby Marciniak, whose brother passed away.

Gayle Cooney

Robert Bell

Central District

BY JOHN BALCOM

Your new scribe bows in on the column this month, but it is with a touch of sadness that we begin our reporting, with the passing of our late Vice President of Operations, W. G. Rudd. Central District extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rudd and also to Bill Menet on the loss of his wife. . . . Four more names were added to our Service Honor Roll this month, namely: Harold Rudolph and Walter Brown (U. S. Army), John Williams and William Darling (U. S. Navy). Best wishes, fellows, and many hopes that it won't be long till we see you, and our other boys in Service, back here at the shop again. . . . Besides the Service Honor Roll at our shop, a new one has been added, that of the Blood Donors. We are proud to say that names are being added to this roll every day, and it is our hope that it will be only a short time until we can announce that our shop men are all members of the Blood Donor Group. . . . Wishes are in order for a speedy recovery to the following men: Michael Cleary, George Kennedy, Anthony Loftus, Thomas Moore, Raymond Paez, and William Smart. . . . The stork paid a recent visit to the Thomas Doherty household and left an 8 lb. 13½ oz. baby boy. Mother and baby are reported to be doing nicely, also daddy, and grand-daddy Dick Doherty. . . . Our garden warden, Archie Wharton, reports that the shop Victory gardens will soon yield food aplenty for the shop dinner table. . . . C. Martz, J. Teister, and W. Morgan had early vacations this year and therefore early suntans. . . . Tom Gannon, U. S. Navy, paid us a visit a few days ago. It was nice seeing you, Tom. Drop in again when you're in the neighborhood. . . . All regular Ping Pong games have been canceled until further notice. Our champ, Chris Poppelreiter, has a very bad cold.

Coke Sales

BY MARGARET VAN NEST

During April we were pleasantly surprised by visits from some of our ex-employes who are now in the Armed Forces. Ira McCormack, one time stenographer for Coke Advertising, is now Yeoman, 2nd Class, stationed at Peru, Indiana. Glad to see you looking so well, Ira, but we do wish the Navy would fatten you up a bit. . . . Many of us had not seen Staff Sgt. Joseph Martin for many years so we were doubly glad to visit with him. Joe's genial smile and beaming countenance, as well as his new "line" acquired since working for Uncle Sam, left a warm glow in our hearts. Come and visit us again, Sarge. . . . We said good-bye to Raymond Schmitt on May 14. His worst fears were realized and Camp Grant finally got him. We'll miss Ray's amiability and humorous patter. Besides, what is your scribe going to do for news with Ray gone?

Mail-Receiving

BY RUTH CARLSON

Joyce Byrne just missed being a June bride by a few days when she married George Ross Sisson, Jr., on May 29. George is an Army Air Student at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where the wedding took place. Lots of luck, Joyce and George! . . . According to the latest bulletins, the Army has stationed Fred Reblitz at Colorado Springs, at the foot of Pike's Peak. How are things looking up, Fred? . . . Elaine Jacobsen's husband, Norm, is now answering mess call at Camp Wallace, Texas, as of last May 14. . . . Rosalie McKeoun is very glad to be off the sick list after her recent appendectomy, and back in the good old Cash-Stub-Listing department. It is grand having you back, "Ro"! Rosalie had word recently that her fiancé is at present soooo sooooo far away with the AEF in Africa. . . . Also on the mend is Mary Ellen Troy, now recuperating at home after a bad bout with pneumonia. Hurry-get-well, Mary Ellen! Glimpses of our Servicemen—Hank Mirkes in from the west coast visiting his folks here before being inducted into the Army. . . . "Bud" Brust showing off his new feather-edge haircut before leaving for his training base at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. . . . Jim Johns entering the Army as a Corporal Technician after several months training in the Signal Corps.

Stores—Warehouse

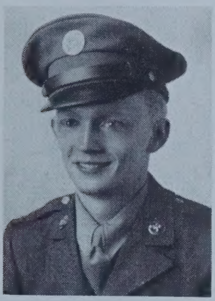
BY MARIE J. LEHMANN

Bob Hope's reception at the camps cannot compare with the one Cpl. Steve Cusack received when he paid us a visit on May 19. We were very happy to see Steve, who came home on a furlough from Camp Swift, Texas. . . . We also enjoyed a visit from George Bottum—here on a leave from Denver, Colorado. . . . We had a "V" letter from Cpl. Ralph Haggerty which appears on the Servicemen's letter page. . . . The prim little Miss and her brother pictured here are the pride and joy of the John Teister home. John is very proud of Mary Beth and Michael, and we don't blame him one bit, for they are little beauties. Since this picture was taken, another little boy joined the family—Charles John, born May 20. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Teister. . . . Rocco LaRocco intended to spend his vacation beautifying his yard. . . . Peter Krizan is still confined to his home because of a severe attack of arthritis. Hope to see you back real soon, Pete. . . . We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Ed Swanson on the death of his mother on May 20, and to John Sullivan, Jr., on the loss of his father, May 23.

Mary Beth and Michael, two sweethearts of the Teister household.

Bookkeeping

BY PHILIP CRIMMINS



Richard Casper

Irvin Holdych dropped in to see his friends the other day. "Irv" has been stationed at Camp Grant, and has been transferred to the Army Air Corps. . . . This picture of Richard Casper is the very latest. He is now located down with the Palms and the Pelicans, the eternal sunshine and the sea breezes, in Sarasota, Florida. . . . Birthdays were celebrated by Adele Lange, and Helen Kinney. Adele's was on May 4, and Helen's on May 10. Best wishes, girls. . . . Martha Opie took a trip to Petersburg, Virginia, to visit her folks. Marion Fenz spent her vacation in Roselle, Illinois, while Marion Eailla took in the sights in the state of Michigan. . . . Laddie Stastney certainly believes in doing things right. Just before going to work for Uncle Sam, he gave a diamond to Eleanore Westoll. Congratulations to you both. . . . May 21 is another date to be remembered, especially by George Kusch, for on that day, Elsie Jandos and he became Mr. and Mrs. We all wish you the best of luck in the future. . . . Congratulations to Christine Jensen and Lillian Miller on their 25th year with the Company. . . . Bill Burkhardt is certainly showing the right kind of spirit. He is keeping his Victory garden going full blast while on "extra days.". . . We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Eva Wiles in the loss of her father, and also to Dorothy Taylor, whose father died recently.

South District

BY JOHN SCHULDT

Bob Del Vecchio, who was inducted May 1, fulfilled his desire by being taken into the Marine Corps. He is taking his basic training in California. . . . Melvin Loehrke, former Student Engineer at the Shop, stopped off on May 21, while passing through the city to a new assignment on the west coast. Melvin has received his Ensign's commission and enjoys the Navy life. . . . Hugh O'Hara also stopped in the same day all dressed up in his new officer's uniform. Hugh has just finished officers' training school and will be stationed somewhere in the south when he reports back for duty. We at the Shop wish the best of luck to both of you in fulfilling your new positions in the Service. . . . The Shop Victory gardens are finally beginning to show the results of our efforts at planning and planting. Now that the sun has decided to shine again the different vegetables that have been planted are beginning to poke their greens up through the soil. . . . South Shop is still battling to stay on top in the Safety contest. We have done a good job with safety so far, so let us just be careful—avoid old man accident.

Chicago District Pipeline

BY EDMUND REED

Roger Bartz has completed his "Boot" training at Great Lakes and, after spending a short furlough at home, was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia. . . . Norman Sievert was recently released from service in the Army and, after spending a few days' vacation with friends in Rockdale and vicinity, returned to his old job as linewalker. . . . Victory gardens are very much in the news at present but no one is doing any bragging as yet. . . . Bert Coldwater and Glen Palmer of Joliet have had trouble getting to plant their corn but they have their oats sown.

Statistical Department

BY ESTHER HAUPT FLEISCH

As a farewell to Elmer Michaels (Mike) and Ed Griffiths, who left to fight for Uncle Sam, practically the entire department turned out for two farewell parties, one at the Columbia Yacht Club and one at the "Top of the Town." Mike's stationed temporarily at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, while Ed is awaiting final send-off word. . . . Mary Lou Hasecoster took an early vacation when one of her numerous boy friends came to Chicago on a leave. . . . Two new young people have joined our office force: Sheila Tourtelot from De Pauw University and Frank Walsh, who hails from the Meter Reading section. . . . We're glad to see Floyd Eldridge, Elsie Harmke, and Lucille Olson back on the job after being out on the sick list.

Engineering Department

BY JULIEN JORDAN

A great deal of work was accomplished in Victory gardens over the Decoration Day week-end. Such exercise proves that we are not the athletes we thought we were. We can only hope that all those vegetables will compensate us for the work we have done. We understand that Dave Lauzon's garden is the pride of Avalon Park. The answer to the question, "Who made this garden?" is still a military secret. . . . Lt. Bernard Bitter paid us a visit recently. We were all very glad to see him. All we know is that he has been constructing and testing P.T. boats. It will be quite instructive when these men are able to tell us some of the real facts about the equipment used. . . . Howard Lipp visited Bernie while on a business trip to the East and saw the P.T. boats under construction. Howard reported that this was very interesting as well as instructive. . . . Ed Gibbs and Ed Malarkey finished their First Aid course recently. . . . Bill (the builder) Bruson is now constructing a sun porch on his house. We hope that he will be able to use it this year. . . . Carl Kleck has two sons now in Service and will have the third in uniform in a short time. John Kleck is a First Lieutenant in the Heavy Field Artillery on maneuvers in the south. John is married, 26 years of age, and the father of a baby daughter. He entered the service in August, 1941. Robert Kleck is Yeoman, 1st Class. He enlisted in the Navy in May, 1942, is married and is 25 years of age. William Kleck has passed his physical examination for the Army Aviation Corps and will enter service after completing high school this month. He is 18 years of age.

Correspondence

BY ESTHER FREDERICK

Following our boys around the country pictorially, we submit this time a picture of Aviation Cadet C. Schurman; we are glad to report he is doing well in California. They had him hospitalized there for a while, but he just wouldn't stay down! . . . We think often of Ed Ziemba, who is on his way somewhere, and wish him good luck, wherever it may be. . . . Isabelle Hankel should surely be able to determine where she is and where she is going; we have noticed a book on the Science of Pre-Flight Aeronautics that she carries around (and reads). . . . From latest reports we hear Fayne Kiley has finally built herself up to the point where it is possible to hospitalize her for a necessary appendectomy. We wish her good luck and a real speedy recovery. . . . We are looking for more pictures of our Service boys. We'd like one from Bill Lydon who is roping and tying tanks on the coast. What say, Bill?

Aviation Cadet Schurman sends a big smile to his Gas House friends via the picture below. At present he's enjoying California weather and all that goes with it.

General Accounting

BY PETER GILLIGAN

Dorothy Anderson

"All dressed up with no place to go," doesn't apply to Dorothy Anderson pictured here in her natty blue WAVES uniform. After receiving primary training at Hunter's College, New York, Dorothy was sent to Cedar Falls, Iowa, for further study, and upon completion of this course will probably be assigned to a permanent base. . . . The place isn't the same since Jerry Reilly joined the Army. The genial Irishman whose gift for banter and fine sense of humor made him one of the most popular persons in the department, was inducted May 8 and, at this writing, is being initiated in the fine art of drilling (with some K.P. for good measure, no doubt) at Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wisconsin. . . . June may be the month of brides, but the month of May looked plenty good to Virginia Malinowski when she decided to tack a "Mrs." before her first name and change her surname to Semrow. Let's hope the wedding took place on that one nice Saturday in May—or was there such an animal?

Peoples Gas Post

BY ROBERT E. O'NEILL

Sunday, May 23, our Post was represented by Comrades Joadwine, Peikes, and Kane at the "I Am an American Day" ceremonies sponsored by the American Hungarian Victory Council. Frank Foldi of North District was Master of Ceremonies. . . . At a noisy meeting of the Post, held May 25 at the Atlas Brewing Company Tap room, the nominating committee presented the following slate for the coming year: C. A. Madiol, Commander; J. G. Anderson, Sr. Vice Commander; A. A. Ward, Jr. Vice Commander; A. J. Frendahl, Treasurer; H. L. Gogele, Chaplain; Leo La Gesse, Sergeant-at-Arms; S. J. Modzikowski, Charles Weege, H. MacPherson, and J. C. Stoesser, Directors.

Archives Department

BY ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

Robert Fitzsimmons has recovered from his contact with very bad cloudy weather. Hope there are no dark clouds to spoil his appreciation of his new location. . . . Not to be outdone by other downcast Victory gardeners, our veteran of two seasons, Marshall Curry, reports no land in sight where once the vegetable greens looked so promising. It seems to us that Old Man Weather will not be eclipsed by the Man-of-War and so decided to do something different this spring. . . . Sam Bartlett has returned from a week's vacation during which he had time to make up his mind to take his next vacation farther from the ceilings of his home. . . . Tony Abbate spent his vacation in the city this year, improving his knowledge of the local set-up. . . . Pvt. James Canty wrote a nice long letter from Florida in which he gives us the impression that those Winter Resort Hotels are the very things that make Army life worth while. More power to you, Jim. . . . By the way, Gene Sullivan, also in the Air Corps, is now at Buckley Field, Colorado.

Key Punch Section

BY ROMA SCHWENKE

A delightful bridal dinner was given in honor of our two brides of June—Stella Pauksta and Clarice Peters. Both girls were beaming with joy. And who wouldn't, may I ask? Stella received a beautiful peach satin comforter, and Clarice received Tiffany crystal glasses and a three-piece console set. . . . Our own Eleanor Hill made us a visit last week to show off her darling daughter, Maureen Kathleen. The rumor is that she's as sweet as she can be. . . . Marge Henricksen couldn't go to California to see her brother this year, so he is coming to see her. We hope his furlough will be a pleasant one. . . . Miss Monroe had a very nice birthday this year. Her desk displayed a beautiful array of flowers. . . . We have a new fellow worker with us now. May I introduce to you Lenelle Massman? Welcome, Lenelle, and may you enjoy being here with us.

Auditing

BY ALBERT DRIGOT

When Christ Madiol came back from his May vacation, spent in Mississippi, he asked, "What's all this talk about rain?" It just goes to show you how far some people can get away from it all. . . . Margaret Foster escaped to Bridgman, Michigan, for her holidays, but Harry Hoffman, John Thorne, and Arthur Gramse preferred to spend theirs at home. . . . Last month, this column boasted of Margaret Rodwick's prowess as a War Bond seller, but did not mention that Betty Reilly of the General Accounting department worked with Margaret on that record $2,600 day at the Roosevelt Theater. More power to both of you! . . . By the time this issue hits the streets, our Lt. Thomas Casey and his fiancée, Miss Mary Guerin, will be one. Their wedding is scheduled for June 19 here in Chicago. When it's done, Tom, and we ask whether you are "Captain of your soul,"—don't say: "No, I'm sort of a Second Lieutenant."

Industrial Sales

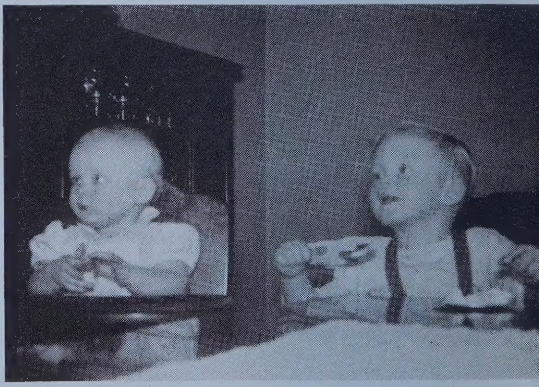
By WILLIAM HELME

The mock air raid served to give our Bomb Reconnaissance School graduates, "Hop" Rehfeldt, Paul Dreyer, George Ammentorp, and "Stew" Parker, a workout. Each received a call to inspect nearby "unexploded" bombs. Al Boehm, of Victory Garden fame, acting as a fire watcher in his block, stood by with a pail of water. Bob Wight, a Block Captain, was kept busy recording the bombs that fell in his own backyard in Hinsdale. . . . Joe Weiss is visiting his daughter Betty, a glamorous school-teacher in Wisconsin. . . . "Shorty" Lange is doing plenty of spade work in Western Springs these days. . . . Jim Whammond made a quick trip East to see his son and latest grand-daughter. . . . Ralph Hoberg's young son broke his arm for the second time recently.

Methods and Routines

By JOSEPHINE SCHECKEL

Two of our Servicemen changed their status recently—Bill Palmer who has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, and Clark Jahn who has been inducted (what, again?) into the ranks of the happily married men. Bill was in a few days ago and received his congratulations at a luncheon given by his former co-workers at the Illinois Athletic Club. However, we haven't as yet seen Clark, but still have the rice and will certainly let him have it when, as and if, he gets that long-awaited furlough. . . . Pictured below are two little reasons why Harry Kaercher is always in such a hurry to get home, and who wouldn't be? Harry says they're worth their weight in Chase and Sanborn.



Two reasons why Daddy Kaercher is a happy man—little Geoffrey and Adele, his Kunning Kiddies.

Refining Plant

BY JOHN HENRY

WHAT WITH Jr. McGrail, our correspondent, at Jefferson Barracks we will try to carry on as he suggested. . . . Letters have been received from the following men in the service: William "Jitterbug" Padgett, Miami Beach; Roland Kubicek, Camp Roberts, Pennsylvania; Henry Hoffman, Camp Collin, California. All report everything under control and having a good time. . . . Joseph Charnisky has been released from the Armored Division and we hope to see him back on the job. . . . Fred Duke is taking a week's vacation to paint around the house if he can tear himself away from his daughter who arrived about four weeks ago. Les Lockwood is trying to carry on for him in the interim. Both these fellows are slated for their Uncle Sam's Forces ere long. . . . Don McMullin is going to put new floors in his domicile the next two weeks—you know the one that slid off the foundation last year? . . . The office force welcomes Joe Marasia from Marshfield Avenue Store and hopes he feels the same way about us.

Service Dispatching

BY GEORGE T. KAZUNAS

MAY DANCE: Johnny Drysdale and Madalyn were missed when they remained away because of illness. Our group tripping the light fantastic included the Mr. and Mrs. Christell, Collins, Burns, Warne, Franzen, Ward, and Walsh and family. We are most anxious to learn from Mrs. Walsh and daughter the identity of the military men who danced with them. . . . SPORTS: Larry O'Connor also offers a unique Racing Service. As a result, Johnny Drysdale looks forward to the day of horsemeat rationing when he can buy a pound of the horse he bet on.

Personnel

BY MARIAN BRYANT

OUR DEPARTMENT BOASTS a June bride! Shirley Kaiser will become Mrs. Robert Pagels, June 26. . . . It will be corn for Cornelia when her Victory Garden grows up—so Connie Titus says. How about some corn fritters later on? . . . Mary Lou Swigart was one of our early vacationers. After a short stop-over in Washington, D. C., her "Chief" place of interest was Elizabeth City, North Carolina. . . . Our tennis enthusiasts, Harriet Grund and Doris Tryon, are improving their game every Wednesday evening. . . . For the first two weeks of the Gas Club Girls' Tennis season, it appeared that water polo would be a more popular sport this year! . . . During May, Dr. Steinberg attended the American Society of Industrial Physicians and Surgeons and American Industrial Hygiene Association joint meeting in Rochester, New York; and Harry Foley headed one of the panel discussions at the meeting of the National Association of Suggestion Systems in New York City.

Cowboy Charles Hamburg, Jr.—3½ years old.

Tabulating Group

BY CATHERINE HEANEY

THE U. S. ARMY has a big soldier now in the person of Bill "Big Stuff" Otto. Marian Frude told us that he arrived at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. . . . Hello Bill Kelly, way "over there." Are you Fightin' Irish now? . . . Rita Moser, a fellow-employe in the past and now with the Mailing Division, was married last month. Best of wishes, Mrs. Fye. . . . "Danny" Beinecke looked much better when he was in on furlough the last time. He was headed for Coral Gables, Florida. . . . It's *Sergeant* Tom Kirby now, if you please. . . . Charlie Hamburg's boy, Charles, Jr. pictured above, is now 3½ years old. . . . Ace Colby take notice: Little Charles had 7 teeth when he was 10 months old.

Bill Delivery

BY LEILA LIBBY

FROM ALL INDICATIONS the May dance was a huge success and a good time was had by all—especially Camille Palumbo who reported having the Navy situation well in hand. . . . Anyone having trouble with keeping one of those new creations called hats on her head, see Pat Devitt. She's solved the problem admirably. . . . We were all pleased to see Mr. Bromley back after a week's illness. . . . Mr. Hardin is now sporting what he calls a G. I. haircut. Could be he got the idea from his son who's been home on furlough.

Retired from Service June 1, 1943

FRANK P. UBLASI Meter Shop	25 years	2 months
NICK GALLO Peoples Gas Bldg.	20 years	8 months
ROBERT HARRIS North District	33 years	1 month
JOHN A. DUFRESNE North Station	39 years	7 months

Service Anniversaries

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MACARTHUR, A. C., Chicago Dist. Pipeline.

35 YEARS

HYLAND, RICHARD, Central Dist.
O'DEA, T. F. JR., General Accounting.
SIMPSON, GEORGE, Customer Accounting.

30 YEARS

ENGEL, PAUL F., Transportation.
BISKUPSKI, JOHN, Division St. Station.

25 YEARS

MUSS, IRENE (MRS.), General Accounting.
WOHLGEMUTH, A. J., Gas Research.
RICHARDS, JAMES H., Refining Plant.
KELLER, ELIZABETH, Customer Accounting.
LYONS, SADIE E., General Accounting.
MURPHY, JAMES A., South District.
FOSTER, ROSE G., Domestic Sales.
STUCKER, URBAN, Messenger Service.
FARRELL, MARY A., Customer Accounting.
KEANE, THEODORE, Customer Accounting.
STAKOVIC, JOSEPH, Peoples Gas B'ldg.
COLLINS, CORA M., Customer Accounting.
CONSIDINE, MARGARET C., Customer Accounting.
WEIGEL, MARY L., Statistical.

Gas Ads

FOR RENT: A cottage at Nottawa, Michigan. For further information call John Visaggio on local 9.

FOUND: a wrist watch at the Forum party, May 28. Will the owner please contact George Burns, Local 391.

FOR SALE: 11x10 ft. umbrella tent. Used once. Metal supports, including porch. Will sell for $15. Call Gildo Corrado, Commodore 0406.

FOR SALE: One Spanish guitar; excellent tone. Call Bri. 4379, any evening. No reasonable offer refused.

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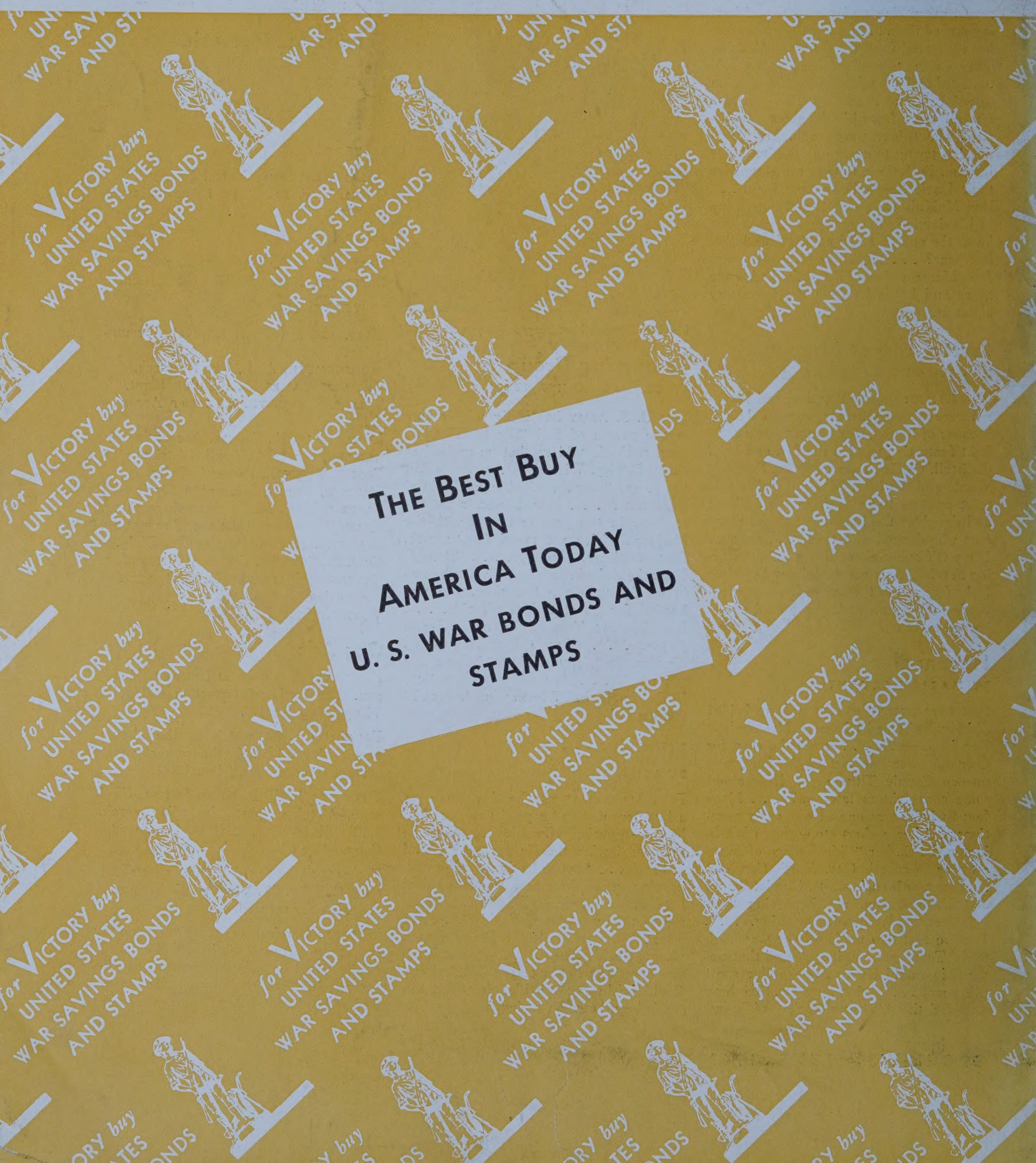
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